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What Does It Mean To You?

THE PENTECOST OF A. D. 30 AND THE YOUTH OF 1930

(By Dr. Charles L. Fry)



Any Luther League devotional service, if it would have one hundred and twenty persons in attendance, for the purpose of Scripture study, meditation and prayer, might be a duplicate of the assembly of believers, as they met early after breakfast that morning in the upper room at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. When the Holy Spirit during the session miraculously came upon them with the gift of tongues, this created such a stir in the city, which at that festival time was thronged with multitudes, that a great crowd quickly assembled, in curiosity to see what it meant. No one of the twelve disciples had been specially commissioned by the Lord to deliver a sermon on the occasion, but it was an outstanding opportunity and dared not be allowed to pass unimproved. Somebody ought by all means take advantage of it, and though James was the recognized president among the twelve disciples (Acts 21:18), it was the impetuous Simon Peter who spontaneously stood up and began to preach. One writer has aptly described him as "a man who found two things hard to do: he could not sit still and could not keep his mouth shut". Well, as everybody knows, there had been times in his fickle and impulsive former life, alas, when he fulfilled this description only too sadly! But those failings were all prior to Pentecost. God be praised that he could not sit still now nor keep his mouth shut, on the day when the Christian Church was born by the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. His example gave courage and enthusiasm to all the others of the hundred and twenty.

Those Luther Leaguers do not count most, as factors in bringing in Christ's kingdom on earth, who "can sit still and keep their mouths shut", when there is testimony to be given which will bring people into the fold of the Good Shepherd who are outside the pale of church membership. Alas, in such an age as this, when that description includes one-half the population, there are all too many of the type of disciples who cannot fulfill Christ's own test of discipleship, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me" (Acts 1:5; 22:15). This witnessing by every Christian believer unto Jesus Christ as the world's only Saviour is the irresistible power that conquered even the Roman Empire, though in many cases this witnessing then meant martyrdom. Indeed, the literal word translated "witness" in New Testament Greek is spelled M-a-r-t-y-r. Suppose it were true today that membership in the Luther League, as membership in the Church itself, were conditional on the willingness and the resolve to witness for Christ, what proportion of the League and of the Church would this eliminate? Even in the darkened country of Korea ever since the missionaries have carried the Gospel to that heathen land the native Christians there will not admit anybody to church membership who cannot show evidence of their personal witnessing for the Saviour by telling the good news to somebody who is not a Christian, and bringing him to a saving knowledge of the Lord. This is one of the essential "fruits of the Spirit", and this is what Pentecost must mean to Christendom in this

1900th anniversary year. Whitsunday in 1930 will be a most favorable time for the confirmation of many new members. How many will you be instrumental in bringing? A notable editorial in the Ladies' Home Journal, which has a circulation of over two million, five hundred thousand in all parts of the United States and Canada, has this to say about what part the laity of the churches should take in the work of adult in-gathering:

"A minister was asking a group of members in his church to assist him by making calls on new people in the community as well as on backsliding members of the congregation. 'Not,' he explained, 'to ask them for money, but to tell them what good you get out of the church and what they are missing by their failure to take part in our activities.'

"There was an awkward silence, finally broken by one man who voiced the sentiments of all. 'I just can't do it,' he said. 'I can talk about business or politics or social affairs, but I simply cannot make myself talk about my religion or the other fellow's religion. I'm embarrassed when I try it, and the other person is even more embarrassed. I cannot butt into the spiritual inner workings of any other man's mind.'

"Too many people, alas, feel the same way about it. Sincere Christians themselves, they are hesitant to express themselves for fear of being thought religious fanatics. The trouble is that with most of us religion is from earliest infancy held apart from the rest of life. If it could be made to fit in with the ordinary things, to be an integral part of everyday activities, the Church would become a much more vital force in every community. Religion should be a commonplace in every life."

THE STORY OF A \$50 CHECK FOR PORTO RICO

(By Rev. Rudolph Schulz, Jr.
Luther League Secretary for Ohio)



What a welcome gift a \$50 check is to the present missionary objective of the Luther League! Such a check was recently received by the Treasurer of the Luther League of Ohio. The check itself, however, does not prompt the writing of this article. Behind the check there is a story; behind the story a pertinent lesson in Luther League missionary methods. Our story must necessarily begin with a few words about the League which contributed this check. St. Lucas Luther League is located at Toledo, Ohio. Its membership numbers thirty, nearly all of whom are high school students. It is the writer's observation that not a single member is over twenty years of age. Only a few are working.

Here is a League with its leadership entrusted to young men and women of high school age and contributing nearly two dollars per member to the Monte Flores Training School. Moreover, a few months ago this League sent two bundles of gifts and a check for \$10 to our mission in China. Yet, not one member of this League even suggests that his League "is always talking money". How did this group of high school boys and girls do it?

Well, that brings us to the story behind the \$50 check. Not a penny of this gift came as a result of a "drive" or a "contest"; not a dime came as a sequence

to some sort of a "sale"; not a coin was raised through the presentation of a "slap-stick" comedy. A much more sane, practical, efficient and Christian method was adopted. St. Lucas Luther Leaguers devoted a few meetings to studying our work in Porto Rico, made use of material offered by the State and National organizations, and at these meetings asked for a free-will offering!

"The Story of a \$50 Check for Porto Rico". What a poor title for this article! Don't you see?—the real story concerns itself with the method whereby Porto Rico became a missionary educational experience in the life of a League. The \$50 check was only the by-product, the evidence that "interest had followed information." Can it be possible that there is a single League in the Luther League of America so weak in leadership that it cannot write to Headquarters for the Porto Rico program, or ask for the use of the stereoptican slides and typewritten lecture? Or who would dare intimate that energy is at such a low ebb in a League that no individual can go to the public library and ask for books on Porto Rico and the West Indies? What League could not adopt the simple method used by St. Lucas Luther League?

THE STORY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

(By Rev. E. Pfatteicher, Ph.D., D.D.,
President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania)

The Augsburg Confession is a link in a chain. Ever since the year 1517 when Luther nailed the 95 theses on the door of the University Church at Wittenberg the religious world was like a caldron, seething and threatening to boil over. The various meetings or conventions held in the '20s simply helped to stir things up. They led naturally and necessarily to other conventions. The findings of these conventions and of groups were written down and revised or refuted for later gatherings. Thus when the Emperor Charles V informed the Elector of Saxony—so called because he was one of the seven big men who elected the emperors—that he would hold a convention at Augsburg, and when the Elector passed on this word to three prominent professors at Wittenberg, Dr. Martin Luther, Dr. Justus Jonas and Master Philip Melancthon, they immediately referred to some documents already prepared, the Torgan and Schwabach Articles and commissioned Melancthon on the bases of these to prepare a new document.

Travelling in those days was not as rapid as it is by airplane, so it took Emperor Charles longer than he thought it would to get to Augsburg from Italy. Of course, he was detained all along the way and perhaps he needed to stop en route to discuss with leaders everywhere what to do about the invasion of Europe by Sultan Solymen II of Turkey, and the menace to the power of the Pope on the part of many teachers and rulers. For these were the two issues which were uppermost in men's minds. They were the topics of the day and they were to be discussed and a solution found at Augsburg. Of course, the



The Quaint Old Town of Augsburg

Elector wanted to be on hand to greet the Emperor. Luther had to stay in the Elector's fortress at Coburg as it was unsafe for him to appear in Augsburg, but the Elector and his party were at Augsburg while the Emperor's mind was being filled with poison gas by the theological faculty of Ingolstadt. It so happened that by command of the Dukes of Bavaria this faculty had been asked to prepare a statement concerning the heresies of Luther. This it attempted to do in Eck's 404 Theses. The



The Augsburg Confession, from An Old Engraving

publication of these slanders against the Protestants persuaded Melancthon that it would not do to present one of the documents already in existence but that the Protestants must have a fuller statement of their position ready on the Emperor's arrival so that he might see that they hold to the faith of the one holy Christian Church. With this task before him and with writings by Luther and others, including his own before him, he toiled hard and finally sent to Luther a document (the Augsburg Confession) of which the latter said:

"I have read the apology of M. Philip. It pleases me right well, and I do not know what to improve or change in it; neither would it be proper, for I cannot tread so gently and quietly. Christ our Lord help that it bear much fruit and great fruit, as we hope and pray."

HEADING FOR READING! Committee Heads So Far

The following are already busy in preparing for the biggest convention—July 2-6, 1931. Watch their dust!

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Berks District has 25 Senior Leagues with nearly 1,200 active members; including Juniors and Intermediates there are over 2,000 Leaguers in the District. Their recent convention was the 72nd Semi-Annual Session and met at Holy Spirit Church, Reading, Rev. Charles G. Beck, pastor. Among the speakers were Miss Anna J. Friedrich, of Sunbury, and Rev. E. Martin Grove, of Harrisburg.

Our Host District is working hard to come in ahead in the race of Districts to complete the quota for Porto Rico. They are already past the quarter mark.

THE AUGSBURG QUADRICENTENNIAL

This year will be a splendid opportunity to re-study our confession and to testify its truths to the world. Many committees are planning a celebration at some time during the year. The United Lutheran Church convention at Milwaukee, in October, will give place for a great celebration in its program. The Luther League has a pageant ready for us. Send for it.

READING!

The city of Reading, Pennsylvania, is not by any means forgetting the National Luther League Convention in 1931. In fact, our Leaguers are not only planning but working steadily that they make a worthy contribution to this important gathering. It may be that many readers of the Review do not know much about this city, and a few facts preparatory to your visit next year ought not to be out of place.

If you have investigated to any extent you will have learned that Reading is not a large city according to modern standards. We claim a population of 120,000,

excluding the adjoining boroughs and suburbs, which ought to belong to the city. It is a city of varied industries and has always been noted for its steady prosperity. It is beautifully situated on the banks of the Schuylkill River and is surrounded by mountains which give a most enviable setting. Excursions in any direction reveal nature's beauties.

To Lutherans, however, the city assumes an importance far beyond its numerical or industrial strength. The history of Lutheranism in Reading and Berks County parallels that of the Lutheran Church in America. Here our Lutheran Church is, and is recognized generally as, a real part of America and America's history, and Lutherans are numerically the strongest factor in the population. When you come to the convention you come to a city which knows the Lutheran Church and will receive you cordially.

Historically, the Lutheran Church of Reading goes back to the beginnings of our national history and of that of our Church. Preserved records of Trinity Church, the Convention Church, take one back to 1751. The Patriarch Muhlenberg preached here, his son, Dr. Frederick A. C. Muhlenberg, and his grandson, Dr. Henry A. Muhlenberg, were pastors. Also well-known men like Drs. J. J. Fry, Edward T. Horn, and J. J. Kuendig served here. The editor of The Lutheran, one of the professors of Mt. Airy Seminary, and the President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania are former pastors. You will find the church itself to be an historic building. The date on the cornerstone is 1791, and it is still in excellent condition and serving an active congregation. For years Trinity was the only Lutheran church in the city. Finally, the growth of the city and the necessity of the use of English forced the establishment of other congregations. Thus St. Matthew's Church was organized in 1842. St. James' followed in 1850. Ten years later Trinity determined to become an English-speaking congregation and the German members organized St. Johannes' Church. The beginning of St. Luke's congregation followed closely in 1862. Six years later the work of Grace Church was begun. In 1885 three congregations were started: Hope, Faith and Peace. One more was born in 1886, Bethany in West Reading, and Redeemer, Oakbrook, in 1903. St. Mark's Church dates back to 1889. St. Paul's was organized in 1900. Holy Spirit followed in 1910, as did also Atone-ment, Wyomissing. Christ Church, Glenside, claims 1915 as the year of its birth, and Nativity Church is the last one to join the group. All of these congregations look to Trinity as the mother church. Just beyond the limits of the city to the north, Alsace Lutheran Church is found, whose beginnings antedate even those of Old Trinity. To the east, Schwarzwald Church is also older than the mother church by a couple of years.

Yes, you are coming into a Lutheran stronghold, where the history of the Church is interwoven with the history of our country. The whole city will welcome you and you will be comfortable.

(Note: This article is written by Rev. Hermann F. Miller, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church.)

There seems to be four styles of mind—1st, them who know it iz so! 2nd, them who know it ain't so! 3rd, them who split the difference and guess at it! 4th, them who don't care a darn which way it is!—Josh Billings.

OUR MISSION IN ARGENTINA

Work was begun by the United Lutheran Church in this field in the year 1919. Prior to that time efforts had been put forth by the General Synod and later by the Pan Lutheran Society for Latin America.

On September 25, 1919, the Board of Foreign Missions called Rev. E. H. Mueller, D.D., as a missionary to this field. Dr. Mueller started the churches in Villa del Parque, Caseros, San Miguel and Jose C. Paz. In each he established an elementary school, thus laying a foundation for an intelligent church membership.

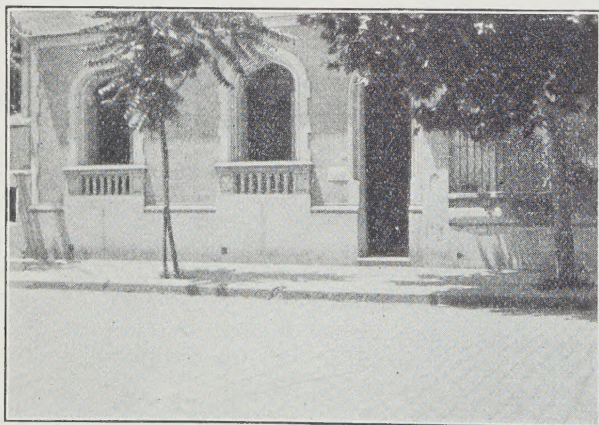
Dr. Mueller's most outstanding work was due to his ability to choose leaders and bind them to the Mission and the Church. Among these now are Mr. R. Viera, Principal of the Colegio Nacional, Rev. I. Guzman, Rev. Resa and Rev. Requena.

Since Dr. Mueller's death in 1923 the work has had able and faithful missionaries in Rev. R. J. White, D.D., Rev. P. O. Machetzki and Rev. J. M. Armbruster.

Today the Mission has excellent equipment both in the city and its vicinity. At Villa del Parque there stands a fine church building, a parsonage, a Luther League hall and a school building. Conservatively speaking, the property is worth \$100,000, all paid for and title held in the name of our Foreign Board. At San Miguel a new church has been erected at a cost, including land, of \$7,000. Jose C. Paz has a portable chapel formerly used in Villa del Parque.

According to recent statistics the total baptized membership in this Mission is 745, divided as follows: Buenos Aires 211; Caseros 91; San Miguel 159; Jose C. Paz 95; San Martin 76; Villa Progreso 52; Moron Ituzaingo 46; Santos Lugares 15. The schools report 721 pupils, 306 of whom attend the main school at Villa del Parque.

It is most fortunate that Buenos Aires, the capital city of Argentina, was chosen as a center. Then, too, the section of the city, Villa del Parque, in which our plant is located, is one of the best. Buildings are of a fine character, the streets are paved and a substantial class of people live here. Work during the past eleven years has been most encouraging. Many doors for larger service await our entrance.



The above is a picture of the Luther League Hall, which fronts on Simbron Street and is joined to the Church building. On Sundays classes meet here for religious instruction including chatechization. Due to the crowded condition in the school building during the week, several of the grades are taught in this building.

So you see this Hall fills an important place in the work of the Mission. It cost \$12,000, contributed by the Luther League of America. Both the Board of Foreign Missions and the Mission in Argentina are deeply grateful to the young people of our Church for their fine co-operation and generous gift.

The Junior and Intermediate Departments of the Luther League of America also have aided in the work in South America. The Juniors not only contributed \$500 but have assumed the support of the Kindergarten at Villa del Parque as their parish abroad for the year 1930 in the hope of continuing their support from year to year. The Intermediate Department contributed \$500, the interest of which is to be used in supporting a worthy young Lutheran as a student in our school at Villa del Parque, Buenos Aires.

(The above story appears on the cover of a new pamphlet issued by the Board of Foreign Missions on "South American Parishes Abroad". Do you want a copy? It is free. Send for it.)

"DOLLAR DAY"

Some State and Synodical Leagues are planning a "Dollar Day" at their convention. This is to boost the Sustaining Membership Fund. There will be scarcely a delegate to any of our conventions who would miss a dollar for the Contributing Membership. A little membership card is issued in recognition of the gift.

We have heard of some State leaders who do not approve of "Dollar Day". That is their privilege, but we do ask them to be constructively critical. In some way we must have that \$6,500. If anybody has better ways of securing the contributing memberships the Sustaining Membership Fund Committee says, "Go to it." What we want is results.

AN OLD LETTERHEAD

Mrs. A. J. Fenner, one of our Parish Board Editors, sent a very interesting letterhead of the Albany, N. Y., District in 1889. Mr. A. C. Close was their President. Among the other officers appear the names of Dr. Frank Wolford, now Dean of Hartwick Seminary, and Mr. William Eck, a leader in New York Synod and United Lutheran Church lay activities. The Third "National" Convention was announced for New York City October 18-21, 1889.

BOOKS OF WORTH

"The Rising Storm", by Dr. H. W. Evans (1930 Buckhead Publishing Co., Atlanta, price \$2.50) is a discussion of Roman Catholic interference in American political life. It is not, and does not claim to be impartial. Its argument appears to be built on clearly proven facts and is supported by extensive quotations. We prophesy for the author plenty of denunciation but little rebuttal.

A book of an entirely different character is "Problem Plays", by Letitia W. Wood (1930, Meig's Publishing Co., price \$1.00). There are fourteen fifteen-minute plays to be presented at a devotional meeting, which raise problems for a discussion that would follow. They offer splendid variety for the devotional program.

Scotchman: "How tight your suit is since it rained. What kind of material is it?"

Irishman: "Scotch tweed."

WHY WORRY? ASK UNCLE AMOS!

In some sections when surprised they say, "Well, I want to know." The desire for knowledge is the spur of progress. He who thinks he knows all, knows nothing. When we stop inquiring we stop growing. Send in your queries.

Why should I choose the ministry when the profession is overcrowded?

It is not overcrowded. Ministers with ability and willingness to serve anywhere at any sacrifice are not without a call. It is true that the financial condition of the Church has retarded the forward movement of the Church. Not so many new preaching points are being established. I believe this is a temporary condition. Certainly as compared with law, medicine, etc., the ministry is not overcrowded.

Does one have a right to accept the position with the best salary?

I must know more of the conditions to answer that question. I don't believe we would be satisfied with this answer. "Yes, because when there is more money there is more of the devil." In general, all other things being equal, the larger income will give the larger power for service.

Is my conscience a safe guide?

If enlightened. Anyway, it is the best guide we have and it is our business to see that it becomes enlightened by Christian truth.

Aren't the Ten Commandments out of date?

No, but we should add the interpretation of Christ by laying emphasis on motives rather than on unthinking obedience. See Luke 10:25-37.

How can I know my vocation?

1. Believe that God has a plan for your life. 2. Be willing to accept His plan when you find it. 3. Desire to find a place of service where you may serve rather than be served. 4. Make a frank personal survey considering your aptitudes, interests, circumstances and the counsel of your friends. 5. Survey the opportunities in the vocations that you could successfully accept. Note the service opportunities, and the occupation of the field. When you have taken these steps with a reasonable amount of common sense, and with constant prayer, you ought to know your vocation.

OUR MONTHLY CHAT

Dear Folks:

High tide in the Church Year is past. What a rhythm there is in church work! Lent stands out as a season of real spiritual fervor. Churches are full. The faces that look up at the preacher are eager and hopeful. The Bible is read with better regularity. The spiritual life of the people is at high tide. Then—the tide flows out and spiritual lethargy follows. Isn't it sad? Perhaps interest is maintained till Pentecost. Nice Sundays, autos, golf, swimming, week-end plans, all cooperate to deaden the awakened zeal of the people.

No doubt it is better to have a high tide than to have low tide all year round. How much better to give first place to Christ every day. If we spend time in Lenten contemplation on the sufferings and death of

Christ, the rest of the year is far too short to give expression to our love in humble service.

The Youth Conference at Wittenberg College was a success from every standpoint. The attendance exceeded expectations. It was a real youth gathering with a large majority of teen age delegates. The speakers arose to the call of the hour. The new Physical and Health Education Building was a perfect convention home. Wittenberg professors and students under leadership of President Tullos and General Chairman Paul Keyser were most considerate hosts. The weather was perfect. And the unanimous vote of the delegates was in favor of holding another conference.

Every educational institution in the Church should consider the possibilities of such gatherings. The Luther League leaders will, of course, give any Church youth conference their hearty support. Our conventions must of necessity be occupied with the business of organization and the promotion of a program. These conferences are free to take up vital personal religious problems. In another column a more complete report of the conference will be given. A mimeographed report is also available at 25 cents.

Where will you go for your summer vacation? Our summer schools and assemblies offer an ideal combination of education, inspiration and recreation. We must not neglect the fellowship in counting the values of these summer gatherings. Friendships grow swiftly in such an ideal atmosphere. Associations that go beyond parish boundaries broaden narrow interests. Any congregation would make a good investment if it would send some of its leaders to a summer school. They would receive them back again better trained and more effective. Since the main problem in the local church is a lack of leadership, why not grow and train our leadership. The best workers have no time to cherish hurt feelings. They are too busy. When you feel slighted or neglected, do something for somebody. I recall the embarrassment of the young lady who handed a dish-towel to the young man of her affections, with the bright remark: "Satan always finds work for idle hands to do!" And he does. There will be no serious splits in a League that is busy with worth while tasks. There is a great difference between being busy and being a busybody.

If you were busy being kind,
Before you knew it, you would find
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true
That some one was unkind to you.

If you were busy being true,
To what you know you ought to do,
You'd be so busy you'd forget
The blunders of the folks you've met.

If you were busy being right,
You'd find yourself too busy quite
To criticize your neighbor long,
Because he's busy doing wrong.

If you were busy being good
And doing just the best you could;
You'd not have time to blame some man
Who's doing just the best he can.

If you were busy being glad
And cheering people who are sad,
Although your heart might ache a bit,
You'd soon forget to notice it.—Selected.

Try it!

Faithfully,

Ans. John Traver

Games and Races Suitable For Picnics



Minnie L. Peterson

MORE PARTY PLANS

A few months ago we made an announcement about a party booklet which could be secured through Min Peterson. Mrs. Peterson now tells us that she has available a limited number of a similar booklet, gotten out by the Epworth Herald, which can be secured at 25 cents per copy. This also has twelve complete party plans, none of them like those in "Playtime Four". If interested, send 25 cents to Minnie L. Peterson, 740 Rush St., Chicago, Ill., and ask for "Playtime Three".

Back to Back Tug

Place two contestants so they stand back to back with both arms linked at the elbows. Establish a line 10 feet in front of each contestant. At signal, each contestant attempts to drag the opponent over his base line. Lifting and carrying of the opponent are permitted. The contestants must maintain their original positions with arms linked. Either contestant carried across his opponent's base line loses. Three bouts constitute a match; the contestant successful in two wins.

Back to Back Stick Pull Away

A stick 3 feet long and an inch in diameter is necessary for this contest. Place two contestants standing back to back, both holding the stick with both hands overhead. At signal, each attempts to pull the stick down in front of his chest, thus taking it away from his opponent. The contestant forced to release his grasp on the stick loses the bout. Three bouts constitute a match. The contestant successful in two is the winner.

Lame Duck Fight for Boys

Place two contestants so they stand facing each other at a distance of five feet. Have each stand on the right foot and hold the left foot in front with both hands. At signal, each contestant attempts through bucking, sidestepping, feinting and so on to overthrow his opponent or make him release his grasp on the up-lifted foot. Either contestant falling to the floor or releasing either or both hands from the up-lifted foot loses the bout. Five bouts constitute a match; the contestant successful in three is the winner.

Top Race

Three people join hands and race to the goal, spinning around and around as they do so.

Crab Race

The runners not only race backwards but must do so crouched down on all fours.

Tortoise Race

The object of this race is to go as slowly as possible without actually stopping.

Blind Man's Race

The runners are blindfolded and led to the starting point. They may have some difficulty in getting to the finish line, but that's where the fun comes in.

The Ride-a-Rail Race

Three or four boys straddle one long pole and race others, similarly mounted, to a given point and back. the more entrants and the more boys on each pole, the greater the fun.

Yankee Doodle Tag

Yankee Doodle Tag is as funny a game as ever left one breathless with laughter. The tagger is chasing a poor victim who cannot run another step. Then and then only may the tired runner grasp at the last straw, which in this case is the singing of Yankee Doodle at the top of his lungs. So long as he can keep up this appropriate tune, he is safe. The minute the tagger starts away in pursuit of another "macaroni" the singer may stop—but not until then.

Fifty-yard Dash

A jolly feature for a picnic is a fifty-yard dash which should be announced as being open only to women. All who are about to participate as well as the spectators should be led to believe that it is a running contest.

Line the contestants up in a row ready for the dash and then surprise them by handing each participant a fifty-yard spool of thread and an empty spool, telling them that she who first succeeds in transferring the fifty yards of cotton from one spool to the other will win the dash.

An Aquatic Race

Provide each contestant with a tincup full of water. These containers should all be of equal size. All who are taking part stand in a row and at a given signal make a dash for a distant opposite goal line. The distance must be traversed by hopping on the right foot until the goal line is reached, whereupon the weight is transferred to the left foot and the return made to the starting point by again hopping. Care must be exercised to spill as little water as possible during the race, since it is not the person who first reaches the goal line but the one whose cup contains the most water who is the winner.

EULOGIZE LUTHERAN AIR HERO

Eulogies and simple services at St. John's Lutheran Church, Hatton, N. D., March 26th, honored Carl Ben Eielson, air pilot, whose body, together with that of Earl Borland, aviator's mechanic, was found after many weeks of search in the icy wastes of northern Siberia, where their plane crashed last November in an attempt to carry aid to the trading ship Nanuk, icebound in the Arctic Ocean. During the period of the service all public business in North Dakota was suspended and schools were closed while the entire State mourned.

It was the first time in the history of the State that a private citizen who had never held high public office received such honor. The governor, other dignitaries of the State, townsfolk, rescuing Canadian aviators, National Guard companies, and American Legionnaires, paid their respects and accompanied the body of Eielson to the cemetery. The body was accompanied to Hatton by Ole Eielson, father of the flier, who was in Alaska when the search was concluded. Young Eielson had been a member of St. John's Church, of which Rev. P. S. Syrdal, of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, is pastor.

—N. L. C. P. B.

AN ICE BOX CAKE=*With Icing*

A little of this and a little of that,
A hearty laugh and you're bound to grow fat.

Mother: "Come, Freddie, and kiss your Aunt Martha."
Freddie: "Why, ma, I ain't done nothin'!"—Stray Stories.

This week's prize for brightness goes to the boy who, on being asked how old a person born in 1890 would be now, inquired: "Man or woman?"

"There is one after-dinner speech of my husband's of which I never tire."

"What is the joke?"

"It's when he says, 'I'll be glad to help you with the dishes.'"—Christian Science Monitor.

"If any little word of yours
May make a life the brighter,
If any little song of yours
May make a heart the lighter,
God help you speak the little word
And take your bit of singing,
And drop it in some lonely vale
To set the echoes ringing.
If any little love of yours
May make a life the sweeter,
If any little care of yours
May make a friend's the fleetier
If any lift of yours may ease
The burden of another,
God give you love, and care and strength
To help a toiling brother."

PAINTING THE LILY
Dr. Jesse H. Holmes, of Swarthmore, thinks the Twenty-third Psalm has no basis in our experience and that it should be modernized. Which recalls an old story. The committee on revision of the hymnal was in session. One energetic young reformer suggested a change in the lines: Oh, may my heart in tune be found. With David's harp of solemn sound. The harp was by no means a common instrument nowadays, he urged, and he thought it would be a great improvement if the lines were to read: Oh, may my heart be tuned within Like David's sacred violin. To which the presiding Bishop sarcastically retorted: "Why stop there? Why not make it: Oh, let my heart go diddle, diddle, Like unto David's sacred fiddle. That's the trouble with the modernization of sacred things. It savors too much of irreverence. And there are few lovers of the Bible, few lovers of good literature, willing to sanction any change in the Twenty-third Psalm.—The Philadelphia Inquirer.

"It does not take a great man to be a Christian, but it takes all of him."—Peter Ainslie.

Let me be a little kinder
Let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those about me.
Let me praise a little more.
Let me be when I am weary,
Just a little bit more cheery;
Let me serve a little better
Those that I am striving for.

Hank, referring to the tug of war between Florida and California for New York's and Chicago's winter patronage, says:

"A friend of his just returned from the South tells this one about the Floridan and Californian going to a convention in a Florida town. They had argued about the prospective size and virtues of their States all during the trip.

"Their beds, when they arrived, were adjoining. The Floridan obtained a large turtle and placed it in his neighbor's bed. When his foot touched it, he jumped up shouting, 'What in the world is that?'"

"'One of our Florida bedbugs,' said the Florida man laconically.

"The Californian squinted at it carefully again and said, 'Little son-of-a-gun, ain't he?'"—Virginia Lutheran.

Age is a quality of mind,
If you've left your dreams behind,
If Hope is cold.
If you no longer look ahead,
If your ambition's fires are dead,
Then you are old!
But—if from life you take the best,
If in life you keep the zest,
If Love you hold,
No matter how the years go by,
No matter how the birthdays fly,
You are not old.—Tuck.

The world has weary hearts
That we can bless and cheer;
And a smile for every day
Makes sunshine all the year.—Selected.

Jones called on Brown one day. He knew Brown was in, for he had just seen him go in, but Brown's maid said he was out, so Jones went away, pretty mad.

The next day Brown called on Jones. Jones put his head out of the window and yelled:

"I ain't at home."

Brown was flabbergasted.

"Not at home?" he said. "Here, now, Jones, you don't expect me to believe that?"

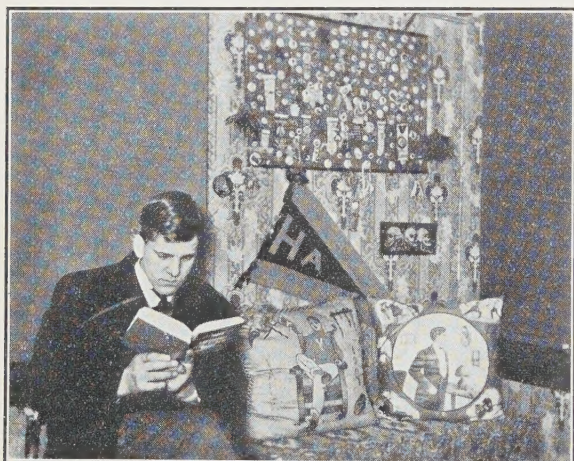
"Yes, I do, too," said Jones. Yesterday your maid told me you weren't at home, and I believed her. Surely, then, when I tell you myself I'm not at home, you ought to believe me?"

WHAT'S YOUR HOBBY?

NOW MY HOBBY IS THIS—

(By Uncle Bim)

Before discussing the "Stamp Collecting Hobby" which was announced in last month's Review as the feature of this month's issue, I want to start off by inserting here an omission that should have accompanied the article on photography. The omission is the picture of your columnist (with apologies) that was taken years ago by said columnist by himself and for himself. It is a flashlight exposure. Will some Intermediate tell me how it was done? A Luther League pin or a book will be given to the boy or girl sending in the best answer. Be careful in your answer to describe every detail connected with the taking of the picture. Remember that the "best answer", not necessarily the first one received, will merit the award. State your choice of award in submitting your answer. Here's the picture—"Just Sweet Sixteen".



Another Luther League pin or book will be given to the Intermediate boy or girl first in finding the Foxy Grandpa pin among the many on the wall in the picture. Cut out the picture and mail to me with your name and address, also name of League. Mention the hour and date of mailing your letter.

Here's a Gift for All Junior and Intermediate Leaguers 12 Years Old

Returning from Ohio on April 7th my eye detected this fine bit of news in the daily paper:

All Children 12 This Year to Get Free Kodaks

Rochester, N. Y., April 6.—Any child who has a twelfth birthday this year will be given a camera as a birthday present by the Eastman Kodak Company, which expects to profit from the resultant increase in the sale of films. Announcement to this effect was made today by company officials and it is estimated that 500,000 such gifts will be distributed, with perhaps an added 50,000 to be given the 12-year-olds of Canada. The distribution will begin May 1 and continue until June 1.

My advice to all 12-year-old Leaguers is to get busy. Go to your Eastman Kodak dealer and find out how you may claim one of these prizes. I don't know the method of distribution being used by the Eastman Company, but, believe me, if I were 12 years old I'd soon find out. A word to the wise is sufficient.

On Stamp Collecting

So much can be said on the subject that in order just to whet your appetites for more I'll confine myself

to a brief introductory statement, and then follow up with first instructions on how to start the hobby.

Stamp collecting is a most fascinating pastime. The alluring feature about it is in the fact that new stamps are always being issued by all the countries in the world. Because of the ever-increasing interest in philately great care is being exercised to produce stamps in symbolic and colorful designs. The very soul of nations find expression in the design and character of their stamps. This is true in particular of all commemorative stamps and those of the republics that have come into existence since the World War.

Stamp collecting has received new impetus in recent years on account of the many directions a philatelist may care to extend himself in the pursuit of his hobby. Air mail, for instance, has produced a new type of stamp. At present less than 1,000 different air mail stamps have been issued by all the countries of the world. Pre-cancels or stamps bearing the name of the city sending them out, offers another side interest to stamp collecting. The idea of securing "First Day Covers", that is, to send a return self-addressed envelope to the postmaster of the city where a new commemorative stamp is first issued, and requesting that it be stamped with the first day cancellation, is still another fascinating venture for the stamp collector. And so it goes. Only after you get into the game will its many ramifications become known to you.

How to Prepare for the Hobby

There are certain supplies absolutely essential to an accurate and intelligent promotion of stamp collecting. First is an album. For a starter I recommend Scott's "International Junior Postage Stamp Album", price \$5. This particular album provides for 21,000 stamps from all over the world. A smaller and cheaper album will do. Next comes a stamp catalogue; it is the only possible source from which you can derive the necessary information about the order in which the stamps appear. The recognized stamp catalogue is Scott's "Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue". The third requisite consists of a "Junior Collector's Outfit", which includes the following:

- A pamphlet on "How to Start a Collection"
- One thousand Hinges
- 1 Pocket Stock Book
- 1 Perforation Gauge
- 1 Junior Approval Book
- 1 Watermark Detector
- 1 Stamp Tongs
- 25 Blank Approval Sheets
- 25 Glassine Envelopes
- 400 Different Stamps—Complete for \$1.00

Order this outfit through your Uncle Bim.

How to Begin the Hobby

The best way to begin is to specialize on some one country. You should start with your own country, because it will be quite simple to get a complete set of current issue. The teen agers of the United States should start collecting United States stamps, and the teen agers of Canada stamps of Canada.

In order to be of assistance to all my boys and girls who take up the stamp hobby I make the following offers:

1. For 12 cents in stamps I will send a U. S. government pamphlet descriptive of all U. S. stamps and how stamps are printed.

2. For 10 cents I will send 50 different U. S. and other stamps.

3. I will supervise an Exchange Department, whereby any Intermediate Leaguer may buy or sell duplicate stamps. If you have stamps for sale list them on an approval sheet and send to me, or if you desire to buy stamps ask me for one or more approval sheets. A charge of 5 per cent will be made on all stamps sold.

4. I will be prepared later on, if enough interest is aroused in stamp collecting, to provide "general mixtures" of any country at reasonable prices.

What little money is made from the management of the Sales Department will belong to the Intermediate Department of the Luther League of America and used for the furtherance of the hobby of stamp collecting.

How to Help Yourself in Procuring Stamps

Ask your friends who work in offices, or in business houses, large corporations, banks, etc., to save stamps for you. Ask your adult friends, especially those up in years, for stamps off old letters that they may have stored away in their attic. In this way it may be possible to get hold of some very rare stamps.

How to Help Your Uncle Bim Help His "Kids"

Thousands of Luther Leaguers will read this article. Every one of those thousands should be interested in helping their Intermediate Secretary to promote the stamp collecting hobby among his boys and girls. How can you help? By sending me periodically all U. S. stamps above the 2 cent value, all commemorative, postage due, pre-cancel, air mail, special handling, and special delivery stamps, and all foreign stamps. If you are employed in a big concern where heavy mail is received ask the mail attendant to save the stamps for you. Ask grandma or grandpa or some aged friend for their "love letters". Send me the envelopes and stamps (I won't have any use for the letters).

Finally, start a stamp club in the League. Ask for information about anything philatelic. There's unlimited pleasure, fellowship and profit in store for superintendents and Leaguers in the hobby of stamp collecting.

Next month—Safety Match Box Tops.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP FUND FOR MARCH, 1930

ALABAMA
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
CANADA, total 2
Rev. W. A. Mehlenbacher
COLUMBIA DISTRICT, total 1
CONNECTICUT, total 1
Immanuel Senior Luther League, Meriden
FLORIDA, total 1
GEORGIA, total 3
Norma Monsees Gibbons, by Ascension Junior League, Savannah
Miss Mildred Gartelmann
Miss Anna Beckman
ILLINOIS, total 7
Wicker Park Luther League, Chicago
Nels Jensen
Intermediate Luther League of Chicago
Luther League of Chicago
Advent Luther League, Chicago
INDIANA, total 2
Luther League of Indiana Synod
Bethany Luther League, Louisville, Ky.
IOWA, total 3
A Luther Leaguer of Iowa
Trinity Intermediate League, Burlington
Mr. Arlo Ketelsen
KANSAS, total 1
MARYLAND, total 21
Grace Intermediate Luther League, Baltimore
Miss E. Margaret Tripp
Mr. L. A. Fry
MICHIGAN, total 10
Hope Senior Luther League, Detroit
Mr. Ernest Ulery
Christ Luther League, Detroit

MINNESOTA, total 8
Mr. George Maier
Lorraine Pofere
Lucille Buschell
Verna Ellingson
Robert Grant
Rev. Charles L. Grant
Holy Trinity Luther League, St. Paul

MISSISSIPPI

GERMAN NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA, total 3

Herbert W. Fischer
G. Keller Rubrecht

NEW JERSEY, total 2

Mr. Sheldon S. Ray

NEW YORK, total 54

St. Paul's Intermediate League, Utica
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Incarnation Luther League, Brooklyn
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Poestenkill Intermediate League
Redeemer Junior League, North Troy
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Miss Ethel Rowe, by Emmanuel League, Chatham

NORTH CAROLINA, total 10

Miss Edith Kluttz, by St. Luke's League, Bear Poplar

NOVA SCOTIA

OHIO, total 3

Mr. Robert Zehner

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

PENNSYLVANIA, total 76

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Miss Ruth E. Drasher
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Christ Luther League, Hazelton
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Messiah Luther League, Homestead
Nativity League, Reading
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Junior League of Union Church, York
Rev. C. W. White, by Intermediate League of Orphans' Home, Zelenople

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD

SOUTH CAROLINA, total 7

Trinity League, Greenville

TEXAS, total 2

Rev. E. Rowaldt, by Schroeder League

VIRGINIA, total 6

College Church League, Salem
Giles County Luther League
Christ League, Radford

WEST VIRGINIA

WISCONSIN, total 5

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Miss Helen Kindness
Mrs. George Rapps, Sr.
Rev. Paul Wagner Roth, D.D.
Miss Rose Messner

Study these reports, then stir your League associates to action. This fund is the life blood of the League program. It truly sustains the League life.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP FUND

Memberships Received for April, 1930

ALABAMA

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, total 12

Christine Bair
Ethel Bailey
Piggie Claire Horn
R. F. Mesenbrink
E. S. Geiger
Edna Koster
Myron Hetzell
W. R. Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cline
Intermediate Luther League, First Church, Los Angeles
Senior Luther League, First Church, Los Angeles
Harvesters Class, First Church, Los Angeles

CANADA, total 2

COLUMBIA DISTRICT, total 1

CONNECTICUT, total 3

Immanuel Intermediate Luther League, Meriden
St. Paul's Luther League, Bridgeport

FLORIDA, total 1

GEORGIA, total 3

ILLINOIS, total 9

Beardstown Luther League
Intermediate Luther League, Wicker Park Church, Chicago

INDIANA, total 2

IOWA, total 3

KANSAS, total 1

MARYLAND, total 27

Sister Evelyn Lukens
Dr. U. S. G. Rupp
Luther League of Evangelical Lutheran Church, Frederick
Mr. Arthur Gompf
Rev. Henry Manken, Jr.
Incarnation Senior Luther League, Washington, D. C.

MICHIGAN, total 10

MINNESOTA, total 10

Holy Trinity Luther League, Minneapolis
Richfield Luther League, Minneapolis

MISSISSIPPI

GERMAN NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA, total 22

Miss Ruth Lewis
Mr. Roland Dasenbrock
Margaret Fischer
Winnie Arganbright
Sylbesta Wassum
Marie Helzer
Mabel Breternitz
Paul Wiegman
Georgia Fuhrmeister
Howard Rader
Wilbur Jenny
William Eller
Mrs. Fred S. Walter
Fred S. Walter
Esther Gies
Clarence Alexander
Esther Dreith
John Aarni
Iva Hinman

NEW JERSEY, total 10

Meta Frederickson
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Rev. M. F. Walz
Mrs. E. W. Bauer
Hudson River District Luther League, Jersey City
Our Saviour Luther League, Jersey City

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Arthur Knobloch
Lean S. Marx
Clifford Hayner
Mrs. Clifford Hayner
Allen Hayner
Mrs. Allen Hayner
Burdelle Hayner
Gilead Luther League, Center Brunswick
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Rev. Frederick H. Knaubel, D.D.
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St. John's Luther League, Hudson
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Good Shepherd Intermediate Luther League, S. Ozone Park
Epiphany Luther League, New York City
Rev. W. F. Hersh, by Atonement Luther League, Saugerties
Good Shepherd Luther League, Mt. Vernon

Rev. Edward Stauderman, by Senior Girls' Club, St. Paul's,

Mt. Vernon

St. Matthew's Luther League, Oswego

Mr. Arthur H. Dittmer

NORTH CAROLINA, total 12

St. Peter's Luther League, Salisbury
Haven Intermediate Luther League, Salisbury

NOVA SCOTIA

OHIO, total 8

Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Quehl, by Stovertown Junior League
Grace Junior Luther League, Toledo
Carl H. Bohn
Stan Scott

Robert Guy Zehner

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

PENNSYLVANIA, total 87

Senior Luther League, First Church, Duquesne
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Holy Trinity League, Bethlehem
Junior Luther League of First Church, Vandergrift
Messiah Senior Luther League, Philadelphia
Trinity Luther League, Johnstown
Rev. Hans Otto Zbinder, by St. Michael's League, Kensington, Philadelphia

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD

SOUTH CAROLINA, total 13

Lexington District Luther League
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Rev. W. F. Brandt, by Mt. Pleasant Luther League
St. Paul's Luther League, Gilbert
Trinity Intermediate Luther League, Greenville
Rev. Thomas H. Weeks, by St. Jacob's Luther League, Chapin

TEXAS, total 4

Trinity Luther League, Victoria
Swiss Alps Luther League

VIRGINIA, total 7

St. Paul's Luther League, Strasburg

WEST VIRGINIA, total 1

St. James' Luther League, Uvilla

WISCONSIN, total 11

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Walter Leininger
Earl Zimmerman

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP REPORT

January 1 to April 30, 1930

League	Quota	Sustain.	Memberships Contrib.	Alumni (Gift)
Alabama	\$ 30.00			
Northern California	20.00			
Southern California	50.00	\$16.00	\$14.00	
Canada			2.00	
Columbia District	40.00	5.00		
Connecticut	75.00	15.00		
Florida	35.00	5.00		\$25.00
Georgia	40.00		7.00	
Illinois	300.00	60.00	5.00	
Indiana	150.00	20.00		
Iowa	80.00	5.00	15.00	
Kansas	50.00	5.00		
Maryland	350.00	45.00	43.00	20.00
Michigan	50.00	25.00	26.00	
Minnesota	80.00	20.00	10.00	
Mississippi	20.00			
German Nebraska	20.00			
Nebraska	160.00		31.00	
New Jersey	80.00	15.00	22.00	5.00
New York	1,200.00	120.00	161.00	90.00
North Carolina	500.00	45.00	10.00	5.00
Nova Scotia	15.00			
Ohio	200.00	5.00	22.00	15.00
Pacific Northwest	15.00			
Pennsylvania	2,100.00	283.00	118.00	100.00
Porto Rico				
Rocky Mountain Synod ..	15.00			
South Carolina	300.00	40.00	15.00	10.00
Texas	60.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
Virginia	100.00	58.50	6.50	
West Virginia	25.00	5.00		
Wisconsin	100.00		26.00	5.00
Miscellaneous	240.00			
Total	\$6,500.00	\$802.50	\$538.50	\$280.00

AUGSBURG POSTER STAMPS

A well designed stamp in colors, 3x2 inches in size, offers a splendid publicity for the Augustana Anniversary. It may be secured from the Publicity Bureau, National Lutheran Council, 39 East 35th Street, New York City. Less than 100, 1 cent each; 150 for \$1.25, and lower rates in quantity. Advertise your Church on your correspondence.

TALK ABOUT OUR FOLKS

THE MONTHLY TALKIES

The unusual is the best news. When you hear of something that will interest the whole League family, write it up and send it in. When preparing a convention news item, don't send the minutes and expect to see them printed in full in the Review. Select the interesting events on your program, note leading speakers, resolutions of importance, social events, and give the setting of the convention. Short, pointed quotations from the addresses are also welcome. One or two sentences will be enough. News letters are always welcome.

VIRGINIA

"The Virginia Lutheran"

President Vivian Cronk urges the following Life Service Objectives in "The Virginia Lutheran":

1. To create an appreciation of the value of life.
2. To direct the thoughts of Luther Leaguers to the worth of a God-planned life.
3. To encourage Luther Leaguers to plan their lives carefully, taking into consideration God's plan and man's need.

4. To inspire those who have the proper talents to enter the so-called sacred professions—the ministry, the diaconate, mission field, parish work, or any other kind of full-time Christian work.

5. To give vocational and avocational guidance.

6. To stir up in our young people the desire to serve the Master in their leisure time in whatever capacity it is possible.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hamer, Staunton, upon the advent of F. C., Jr. We know one good thing is in store for the Luther League of the future when Fritz, Junior, follows the footsteps of his "dad".

College Church League, at Salem, is holding an efficiency contest. The rules for points may be of interest to other Leagues planning a contest. Points are given for the following: Attendance at Luther League 3, at church (morning) 5, at church (night) 6, at Mid-Week Lenten Services 10, at Sunday School 2, at Mission Study Class 10, leading Luther League 8, prepared speech on program 8, prayer 3, special music 8, Scripture reading 2, extemporaneous speech 3, starting on time 2, bringing a visitor to League 1, daily Bible reading (per week) 10, service on a committee 4.

CANADA SYNOD

"The Canada Lutheran"

C.K.-C.R., Waterloo, Ontario, carried during April a Sunday evening "Family Worship Service" by the St. John's Luther League.

Trinity League, Hamilton, used the Fellowship Hour Program prepared by Mrs. Peterson for the Personal Evangelism campaign. It was a most successful evening.

Rev. Dr. Schmieder spoke at a recent devotional at St. John's Waterloo. His talk was on the Bible.

Self-Denial Envelopes were used by the Chesley Leaguers during Lent.

The League at Elmira presented a beautiful tea set to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schweitzer, recently married.

MICHIGAN SYNOD

"Michigan Synod Monthly"

Trinity Lutheran Church, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Rev. Paul H. Krauss, pastor, has four Luther Leagues, a Junior League, an Intermediate League, a High School League, and a Senior League. This arrangement should provide a complete and adequate youth program for this outstanding Lutheran church.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT

(Oregon and Southern Washington)

"The Bulletin"

American-Salem League is holding a contest for subscriptions to The Lutheran and the Review.

A Mission Study Class met weekly at Redeemer, Portland, under direction of Charles Schilling.

Editor Wm. E. Salzmann offers his valedictory in the April issue of his news sheet. We will miss his frank comment on news from the far west. He has done much for the Luther League of America and we wish him God-speed.

A new news sheet that appears to be somewhat of a mystery is produced in Vancouver under the name "The Televeye". We shall await future issues with anticipation.

KANSAS

"The Torch"

Atchison League enjoyed the Porto Rican slides recently.

Emporia League had a series of lectures on "Who's Who in the Luther League of America?" How the editor of the Review would have enjoyed hearing the low down on some of his associates.

OHIO

"The Ohio Luther Leaguer"

April 28-May 4 was Luther League Week in the Ohio Synod. Its objectives are educational rather than financial. Here they are:

1. Greater familiarity with the League program.
2. Ten per cent increase in membership.
3. Intermediate and Junior Leagues in unoccupied congregations.

4. Life Service Sunday, May 4, be given full emphasis.

The Toledo Federation met May 17th at First English Church. Election of officers was held.

Lordstown League reports 20% increase in membership and still growing.

Greenford League gave \$50 to their church building fund.

Sebring League put on a devotional program at Minerva in March.

At Salem the Canton-Youngstown Federation heard Rev. F. C. Fry, of Akron.

We like flowers while we can see 'em and smell 'em. It is a good habit to hand out some now and then so we copy the following item as is.

Just a Word of Appreciation

In church work one hears a great deal about people who refuse to do things. Let's change the subject and say a word for those who are always ready to be used.

Take for instance, our State President, John K. Linsenmayer. He is one who gives freely of his time and talents to the work of the League. In his own church, First, Mansfield, he teaches a class of boys; he is Superintendent of the Intermediate League. During the past several weeks he has spoken in the interest of the State League before groups in Mansfield, Shelby, Ashland, Akron, Ada. On March 30th, he addressed the members of the Canton-Youngstown Federation at Salem. And what he has been doing the past several weeks is just a sample of what he has been doing for several years.

"The Best Thing Our League Did During the Past Year" is the subject of a contest in Ohio. General Secretaries are the judges.

INDIANA SYNOD

"Ind-Ky-Tenn"

President Dittmer attended the last Executive Committee meeting. A Dollar Day is planned at the Madison Convention.

Second Church League, of Richmond, mourns the death of one of their active members, Richard Wade.

Salem Church, New Augusta, was host to the Indianapolis District for a social evening. Rev. H. Grady Davis was master of ceremonies.

MINNESOTA

"The Extender"

The Twin-City Convention was marked by an attendance of over 500 Leaguers and 100% of their pastors. A whole session was devoted to Intermediate work. Two new Intermediates were admitted from Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, and Reformation, St. Paul. Holy Communion League won the attendance cup. Dr. Samuel Miller, Dean of the Lutheran Bible Institute, spoke on "We Would See Jesus". Rev. S. H. Roth installed the new officers. Holy Trinity was the host. Kenneth Lindstrom, of Salem, is the new President.

WISCONSIN

"Good Will Tours" to new Leagues, old Leagues and prospective Leagues in the State was the Lenten work undertaken by the Executive Committee of the Luther League of Wisconsin. With their goal, "Every Young Lutheran a Luther Leaguer", the governing body began their evangelization program with a visit to the League at West Bend, one of the youngest organizations in the State. Departmental Secretaries explained their particular branches of Luther League work, and all Leaguers united in a fellowship hour. After appropriate music, Marcella Calkins, who is one of Wisconsin's most ardent and faithful Leaguers, despite the fact that she cannot see her fellow Leaguers, read the story of "The Angelus" from her braille.

Oshkosh was the next League visited, and again State Secretaries offered helpful suggestions. The Good Will Tours will be continued throughout the spring and summer, until the Annual State Convention in August.

NEW YORK

Resolutions of respect on the death of Rev. F. J. Melville, of White Plains, were adopted by the Westchester County League.

Incarnation, Brooklyn, will give a play, "Nothing But the Truth".

PENNSYLVANIA

"The State Bulletin"

The Harrisburg District Social was held at Bethlehem, Harrisburg, May 9th. The evening was devoted to La Conglomerata. (Come on, John George, tell us what it is!)

The First Lutheran Church of Johnstown was the host to Union Young Folks Sermons in March with Dr. Fischer, of Gettysburg, as speaker.

The York District Herald says: "The Lord has prepared a bounteous table but too many Christians are on a diet." Lancaster District has again been promoting a great deal of inter-League visitation.

Congratulations to the newlyweds from Christ League, Lancaster—Irene Weller and Joseph C. Moss were married March 4th. Mrs. Moss is Secretary of her League.

May 9th the Spring Rally of Lancaster District was held in Zion's Church.

Susquehanna District

Two rallies for the Juniors were held recently in the Susquehanna District. One in St. John's, Jersey Shore; the other in Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury. The Juniors took charge in both rallies and presented some sketches. Miss Brenda Mehlhuse was with us for both meetings, and brought many helpful suggestions for both the children and the leaders. Dr. Raker, Superintendent of the Good Shepherd Home, talked to the group that met in Sunbury, while Miss Mehlhuse had her conference with the Junior workers. Mrs. John Rinehart, District Junior Secretary, and Miss Anna J. Friedrich, Executive Secretary, were also present and gave timely remarks to both the Juniors and workers.

Good For Thought

SUMMER will soon be here. With its approach our thoughts wander to the subject of vacation. Mountains and seashore, hiking, swimming, camping, or, perhaps, traveling in distant lands, seeing and doing the things that add to the sheer joy of living. In working out plans for our summer holiday, let's not forget that while we are away the expenses of the Luther League of America go on just the same. Those expenses have never been known to take a vacation.

*Wouldn't it be a splendid idea to add to our Vacation Budget the sum of **One Dollar** for that Contributing Membership and send it in before departing for the summer holiday. It will add little to the budget, but will mean much to the work of the Luther League of America.*

Clip out the subscription blank printed below and send your Contributing Membership in now while you are thinking about it.

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FOR OUR INTERMEDIATES

Dear Intermediate Family:

Much is on my mind (please don't laugh at that), so here goes for an unloading. First, I want to ask a few questions.

Has your League returned the statistical report blank I sent out a few weeks ago? Failure to do so will deprive you of receiving an award for achievement in ten or more of the points in our Sixteen Point Program, and affect materially my annual report to the Executive Committee. I begin issuing the awards early in June. So get in your reports.

Is your League interesting itself in the pursuit of some hobby? While I have discussed only two hobbies so far, you should be keyed up by now to assist me in furthering the plans set down in the April Review. The weather is right for the riding of the photograph hobby. By the way, give careful reading to my hobby article in this issue of the Review. There's a surprise for you—maybe.

Are you planning to carry on your League activities during the summer months? That may seem like a foolish question, but if history repeats itself there will be some Leagues "closing up shop" for the summer. That is so unwise. It means much greater effort to reorganize again. Interest may have waned by then. Present results will be materially effected. But the greatest reason for not letting up one bit in activity is because it is summer time. For then many opportunities are available that were denied you all the rest of the year. You have the time to plan for more activities, and the time to give to them. Out-of-door worship services, hiking, doggie toasting, camping, nature study rambles, and the like of such—together offer your League a pleasant and profitable experience in the good old summer time.

The Philadelphia District Intermediate Secretary, Miss Elsa Becker, is very active in the promotion of her job. For five consecutive Tuesdays during Lent a school for Intermediate leaders, offering three courses in leadership, in adolescent psychology and in methods and materials, was conducted in Apostles' Lutheran Church. While the enrollment numbered only twelve persons there was no diminishing of interest or attendance. A better chosen time for the school might have resulted in a larger attendance. The spring convention of Philadelphia's Intermediate Leaguers was held in Immanuel Lutheran Church. More about this will appear in the next Review. In addition to the above work Miss Becker is Superintendent of St. Peter's Italian Intermediate Luther League of South Philadelphia. The other day I had the extreme pleasure of issuing 1929 Reading Course certificates to two of Miss Becker's Leaguers, namely, Marietta Maloro and Angelo Suppa. Maybe some Intermediate Leaguer in California or Texas or from anywhere would like to write to one of these two young Leaguers in Philadelphia. Address the letter c/o Rev. R. J. Wolf.

Going in and out among Leagues, conferences, discussion groups and conventions it is not uncommon to hear this "threadbare" statement: "Our problem is so peculiar." One leader will say, "I can't get the boys to attend." Another says, "My boys and girls won't commit themselves to daily Bible reading." A third leader

says, "We have the Reading Course books, but the members won't read them." But, about the time these peculiar problems multiply to the point of almost distracting me along comes a letter filled with optimism and encouragement, such as the following one from Miss Mildred Christiansen, Superintendent of Trinity League, Kansas City, Kansas. I'd suggest that any Superintendent with "peculiar problems" accept Miss Christiansen's invitation and write her.

R. J. Wolf, 806 Muhlenberg Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 8, 1930.

Dear Sir:

Just a few words to let you know that the Kansas City, Kansas, Intermediate League still exists, even though I have not written much about their work.

We have purchased the Reading Course, and so far I am very much pleased with the results. Even the boys take much interest in reading these books, and I have often found it hard to get the boys to read. I feel sure I can promise that you will receive some essays from our League, and I know that most of them will be entitled to a certificate. We purchased the books with money taken in for dues.

Speaking of dues, we discussed the national dues system at our last meeting, and every boy and girl feels that it is their duty to help support our National League, and all want to pay the annual dues. They have asked me several times why we haven't been paying dues, for they knew that the Senior League paid dues.

We surely did like the Porto Rico topic, sent us for our devotional meeting, and would like to have the one on Life Service. For some reason or another I have never before been successful in getting the young folks interested in foreign missions. But after hearing the Porto Rico topic, they decided to send \$5.00. That will take nearly all we have in our treasury, but I don't like to see God's money lying around idle, do you? So as fast as we get in any money, we try to find some worthy cause to use it for. Now that they have become interested in foreign missions, I feel sure that their interest will grow.

I noticed an article in the April Review based upon the fact that the Leaguers would not come out to a business meeting. We never have that trouble here. I have found that a long meeting is tiresome so we make our meetings snappy, and to the point. I never discuss any unnecessary business, and I usually have a short talk with the President before the meeting about the things that should be brought up. This saves a lot of time, and the interest does not lag, for they must listen every minute or miss some of the important business. Then, too, we have our meetings on the same night of the month, at the same time, and at the same place. There is no excuse for any Intermediate missing the meeting because they did not know where it was to be. A brief announcement on Sunday is enough reminder for them. We never join our business and devotional meetings. I don't like the plan, because I think it takes their mind off the topic too much.

Our League would like to hear from any and all of the Leaguers all over the United States and other lands. And if anyone writes to us, I will assure you that they will receive an answer.

We enjoy your monthly letters in the Luther League Review, and all of us are striving for a bigger, better Luther League.

MILDRED CHRISTIANSEN, Supr.,
325 North 15th Street,
Kansas City, Kan.

Another question. Have you sent in your contribution to Porto Rico? Let's all make an offering to this great cause right now. Clear away this obligation, because in the fall I am coming before you with another "propolition" (Amos 'n' Andy) to increase our South America Scholarship Fund.

A recent visit to Baltimore brought me in close touch with the work of the Intermediate League and the workers who are pushing that work ahead. Miss Ruth Mathaney is Baltimore's energetic Intermediate Secretary, and Fred Heise is Baltimore's live-wire District President. Fred is only a "kid" himself. For years he was Superintendent of Bethany Intermediates. He tells me that his group of teen agers have grown up, but that he plans to organize a new League of fresh recruits. Go to it, Fred. Well, from the Baltimore District News Letter, edited by Walley Oest, we clip these two paragraphs about Intermediate doings:

"Look out for Baltimore Intermediates. They're setting out to make headquarters at Philadelphia put a gold star on the map for Baltimore District. Eight Superintendents, representing five of our eight Leagues, attended a meeting on April 3rd. Plans for the big

rally at Calvary on May 2nd are under way. This Junior-Intermediate Rally is going to be the best we've ever had. A good speaker—a live-wire for young folks—will be there (sshh! we're trying to get Colonel Cudlipp); there will also be songs, yells, stunts, games and eats. The rally begins at 7 P. M. and will end early enough for the Juniors to get home on time. The Intermediates are pulling together. If you don't believe it, come to their joint meetings. Redeemer and Our Saviour meet at Our Saviour on April 13th and Emmanuel is invited to Grace for June 1st."

"Christ Church Intermediate Luther League reports their meetings are progressing constantly in attendance, they having just put on several drives for new members. In connection with their programs they have been following the Sixteen Point Program very closely. On the last Sunday of each month they have a missionary program and are planning to subscribe to the Porto Rico Fund. They are also using the study book, 'Going to Jerusalem', and have found the same enjoyable. On Sunday, April 6th, they had a debate on the subject, 'We Believe the Bible Should Be Taught in the Public Schools'."

Beginning with this month's set of topics, daily Bible readings will head each topic. Assign these readings to the Leaguers one week in advance. Call for a brief statement on the contents of each reference at the next devotional meeting.

I attended Ohio's first Youth Conference at Wittenberg in company with Uncle Amos and Aunt Brenda. It was thought that my presence would add dignity to the Headquarters delegation from the Luther League of America. I agree with Uncle Amos that my mission was erroneously conceived. Whatever purpose I served I know this much that I met with a fine body of Intermediate and Senior Luther Leaguers in Cleveland, Ohio. This meeting took place in Bethany Church, Rev. J. H. L. Trout, pastor, who took theology with me at Gettysburg Seminary, with Trout taking the theological hook, bait, sinker and all. As a result of the afternoon rally of Intermediates it was decided to form a District among the three Leagues in the city. That evening I spoke to a Senior group of Leaguers. At Wittenberg I had the great pleasure of meeting again Miss Rhodes, a former Intermediate, from Albemarle, N. C.; Paul Kellar, of Peabody, Kan., one of my Kansas campers at the Lutheran Camp; two girls from my home church in Harrisburg, Pa., and a host of League friends from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia and Kentucky. On my return home I stopped off for a Sunday evening League service in Bethany Church, Toledo, Ohio, Rev. E. S. Spees, pastor. Rev. Spees is Ohio's promising exponent of Intermediate Luther League activities. His Intermediate League is organized into a Junior Choir and sang at the service.

New Leagues

The past six weeks show a remarkable increase in new Leagues. Twenty in all. Those whom we welcome into the department in this issue of the Review are:

342.	Hollywood, Hollywood, Cal.	14
343.	Temple, Merchantville, N. J.	16
344.	St. Stephen's, Hickory, N. C.	12
345.	Ascension, Franklin Square, N. Y.	18
346.	Friedens, Lincoln, Neb.	36
347.	Nativity, Reading, Pa.	50
348.	Holy Trinity, Little Mountain, S. C.	19
349.	Redeemer, Maywood, N. J.	16
350.	First, Norfolk, Va.	18
351.	Atonement, Racine, Wis.	15
352.	First, Jersey Shore, Pa.	15

353.	St. James', Concord, N. C.	25
354.	St. Paul, Albuquerque, N. Mex.	30
355.	Christ English, Birmingham, Ala.	12
356.	St. James', Reading, Pa.	20
357.	Evangelical, Montgomery, Pa.	34
358.	St. Martin's, Maiden, N. C.	9
359.	Gethsemane, Indianapolis, Ind.	10
360.	Grace English, Kenosha, Wis.	22
361.	Virginia Heights, Roanoke, Va.	17

A high per-League average is still being maintained by the early contributors to the Porto Rico Fund. Thirty-one Leagues have contributed \$171.06, or an average of \$5.51. If your League's name is not herewith listed and you have already sent in your contribution it is because sufficient time has not elapsed for the money to reach the office. In remitting to your District or State Missionary Secretary, be sure to mark the offering with name and address of League.

Previously recorded		\$ 53.35
12.	Advocate, Philadelphia, Pa.	15.00
13.	Trinity, Berlin, Pa.	3.50
14.	Grace, Baltimore, Md.	5.00
15.	St. Andrews, Andrews, N. C.	1.40
16.	Our Saviour, Jamaica, N. Y.	3.00
17.	Trinity, Rochester, N. Y.	5.00
18.	Holy Comforter, New York City	1.00
19.	Trinity, Hartford, Conn.	10.00
20.	St. Paul's, Hildreth, Neb.	12.00
21.	Advent, New York City	10.00
22.	Christ, York, Pa.	3.00
23.	First, Mansfield, Ohio	5.00
24.	St. James', Cleveland, Ohio	5.00
25.	Our Saviour, Jamaica, N. Y.	16.27
26.	Poestenkill, Poestenkill, N. Y.	2.00
27.	St. Thomas, New York City	5.00
28.	St. Paul's, Wilmington, N. C.	2.25
29.	St. Martin's, Maiden, N. C.	3.29
30.	Grace (boys), Rochester, Pa.	5.00
31.	Transfiguration, Pottstown, Pa.	5.00
Total		\$171.06

The Sustaining Membership Fund

Our department is off to a quick start in this department of endeavor, too. We still have twenty Sustaining Memberships to go before reaching the 1929 high mark. So far so good, but let's keep on going. In the March Review I announced the first eleven Leagues to take out a Sustaining Membership. Now for the second batch:

12.	St. Mark's, Mooresville, N. C.	\$ 5.00
13.	Holy Comforter, New York City	5.00
(For Rev. E. J. Flanders)		
14.	St. Paul's, Utica, N. Y.	5.00
(For Miss Ruth M. Emerick)		
15.	Good Shepherd, Brooklyn, N. Y.	5.00
16.	Grace, Baltimore, Md.	5.00
17.	Incarnation, Brooklyn, N. Y.	5.00
18.	Intermediate Luther League of Chicago	5.00
(For Miss Gladys Kjellen)		
19.	Peace, Reading, Pa.	5.00
20.	Trinity, Burlington, Iowa	5.00
21.	St. Thomas, New York City	5.00
22.	Poestenkill, Poestenkill, N. Y.	5.00
23.	Lutheran Settlement, Philadelphia, Pa.	5.00
24.	Redeemer, Reading, Pa.	5.00
25.	Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.	5.00
(For Mrs. Henry J. Pfum)		
26.	Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.	5.00
(For Miss Frances Gebensleben)		
27.	Orphans' Home, Zelienople, Pa.	5.00
(For Rev. C. W. White)		
28.	Trinity, Greenville, S. C.	5.00
29.	Our Saviour's Atonement, New York City	5.00
(For Sister Ruth Paris)		
30.	St. James', Gloversville, N. Y.	5.00
(For Rev. C. L. Schaertel)		

The three reports above show some real activity in many of our Leagues. Other Leagues are just as busy. But it would gladden our hearts to see their names in both the Porto Rico and the Sustaining Membership Fund reports.

At the beginning of this article I told you that my head was full. Now that I've unloaded it must be nigh empty. But before "all is void and darkness" I want to tell you that if your correspondence to me is delayed during May it is because I'm away from the office on a five weeks' trip to the mid-West and Pacific Coast. The August Review will doubtless contain a story of my trip.

My July letter will of necessity be brief due to this prolonged absence. But I'll make up for it in the next issue. Now the old "bean" is empty.

Have you sent in your report blank?

Are you going hobby horse riding?

Are you going to continue activities during the summer months?

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FOR OUR JUNIORS

"It's Great to Be a Luther Leaguer;
It's Greater to Train Luther Leaguers"

Dear Leaguers:

It was the Junior Secretary's privilege to attend the great Youth Conference at Wittenberg College. To see that fine group of over five hundred young people with their splendid spirit of enthusiasm and desire to serve was to make us feel very optimistic about young people's work.

We led a Discussion Group for two periods, where all but two were Luther Leaguers; we made contacts with many who are interested in the Juniors; we arranged part of the League exhibit—a number of posters on our Junior program.

While in Springfield, we also attended a Junior Rally of the Springfield Federation. About a hundred Juniors were present, representing five Junior Leagues. A year ago we visited Springfield and there was not a single one!

Conventions

Convention season is at hand. We will this year visit the following:

Illinois—Sterling, May 9-11
New York—Troy, May 29-June 1
Minnesota—Minneapolis, June 14-16
Indiana—Madison, June 24-26
Pennsylvania—Greensburg, July 22-25

If you wish to arrange for a Junior rally or conference, or plan any meetings while the Junior Secretary is in your neighborhood, write to her at once.

Porto Rico

Contributions for the Training School from the Juniors are mounting:

Previously Reported (See May Review, page 10)...	\$363.26
Kountze Memorial, Omaha, Neb.	6.53
Trinity, Johnstown, Pa.	5.00
St. Mark's, Fremont, Ohio	1.00
Grace, Houston, Texas	5.00
First, Selinsgrove, Pa.	2.50
Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands	2.00

\$385.29

The last contribution was fine! This Junior League, in a mission station itself, wants to help its near neighbors, the folks in Porto Rico.

Let us keep up the good work.

South America

To date we have received for our Kindergarten in South America:

St. Paul's, Johnstown, N. Y.	1.00
St. John's, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	1.00
Trinity, Robeson, Pa.	1.00
St. John's, East Mauch Chunk, Pa.	1.00
Redeemer, North Troy, N. Y.	1.00
Fourth, Springfield, Ohio	2.00
Ascension, Haddon Heights, N. J.	1.00
First, Galveston, Texas	1.00
Epiphany, Camden, N. J.	1.00
Gethsemane, Indianapolis, Ind.	1.00

\$11.00

We are far from our goal of \$300. Who will contribute next? Our contribution to the South America

Have you sent in your offering for Porto Rico?

As ever,

Objective last year was placed in a trust fund and used to partially support the Kindergarten in Villa del Parque. We would like to "adopt" this Kindergarten and support it entirely. If each Junior League can contribute one dollar, we can more than do this.

Sustaining Membership

The Juniors have been loyally helping in the Sustaining Membership Fund. To date this year they have contributed \$180 to this Fund:

Sustaining Membership	
Grace, Drexel Hill, Pa.	\$5.00
Memorial, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.	5.00
Christ, Shrewsbury, Pa.	5.00
St. Peter's, Pittston, Pa.	5.00
Trinity, Robeson, Pa.	5.00
St. John's, Phoenixville, Pa.	5.00
Peace, Riverside, Reading, Pa.	5.00
St. Paul's, Dubois, Pa.	5.00
St. John's, Emaus, Pa.	5.00
Redeemer, North Troy, N. Y.	5.00
Union, York, Pa.	5.00
St. John's, Swissvale, Pa.	5.00
Grace, Fairmont, W. Va.	5.00
Holy Trinity, Muncy, Ind.	5.00
Grace, Toledo, Ohio	5.00
Grace, Baltimore, Md.	5.00

Gift Memberships	
Alsace, Reading, Pa.	\$5.00
St. James', Cleveland, Ohio	5.00
Jehovah, Detroit, Mich.	5.00
First, Selinsgrove, Pa.	5.00
Redeemer, Utica, N. Y.	5.00
Ascension, Savannah, Ga.	5.00
Grace, Rochester, Pa.	5.00
Zion, Whitmarsh, Pa.	5.00
St. John's, Swissvale, Pa.	5.00
Harrisburg District, Pa.	5.00
St. John's, Stoverstown, Ohio	5.00
Bethany, New York, N. Y.	5.00

Superintendents	
Virginia Wise	\$5.00
Fredericka Weiss	5.00
Thelma Wenk	5.00
Dora Ahrens	5.00

Contributing Memberships	
The Junior Secretary	\$1.00
Canada Junior Secretary	1.00
Wisconsin Junior Secretary	1.00
Georgia Junior Secretary	1.00
Nebraska Junior Secretary	1.00
Eastern District, N. Y., Junior Secretary	1.00
Junior President, St. Paul's, Johnstown, N. Y.	1.00
5 Juniors, Faith, St. Paul, Minn.	5.00
5 Juniors, St. Thomas', New York, N. Y.	5.00
3 Juniors, Bethany, New York, N. Y.	3.00

\$180.00

Pretty good for the Juniors! Our goal is a Contributing Membership (one dollar) from each State Junior Secretary, from each District Secretary, from each local Superintendent, and from as many of the Juniors as possible.

Easter Posters

Many fine posters were sent in for the Easter Contest. The winner was Hilda Bauerle, of St. Luke's Junior League, Collingswood, N. J. We think the other States should try not to let New Jersey win so many honors in these contests! They have three or four prize winning poster makers among the New Jersey Juniors.

Honorable mention goes to these Juniors, who sent in good posters: Evelyn Schneider, Rachel Wallace, Pauline Felker and Ruth Wallace, all of St. Peter's, Corydon, Ind.; John Adams and Paul Myers, of St. John's, Findlay, Ohio; Marian Bach, Grace, Toledo, Ohio; Florence Christina Perske and Helen Ackert, of Atonement, Saugerties, N. Y.

There are only the May and June Contests left! Send in posters on the verse, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me", and on the hymn, "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old".

Statistical Blanks

When you receive yours, fill it in and return at once! These will be sent out June 1, and **must be returned by June 15**. If for any reason you do not receive one, drop a line to Headquarters. We want a complete report of every Junior League.

Reading Course

How many of your Juniors have finished the Reading Course? Send in a list and receive a certificate. June 1 is the time to send in essays on any of the books of the Course. We have received one as early as March 30. Twelve Juniors who send in the best will each receive a Luther League pin. A banner goes to the State with the best percentage—to be presented at the State convention. So please, on June 1, **send in a report of all the Juniors completing the 1930 Junior Reading Course and the essays which they have written**. Why not take time at one of the meetings to talk over the books and then suggest that the Juniors write the essays? Send only the best ones.

Superintendents' Reading Course

June is the month when we stress the reading of books by the Junior leaders. Last month we listed our Superintendents' Course, and suggested that the Superintendents band together and get these books and then circulate them, so that at the end of a year twelve books have been read. Can you do this?

"The Book of the Month"

"Training Juniors in Worship", by Alice Jones, price \$1.00, is a book telling how we may develop the devotional life of the child and encourage worship. This book will help you with the worship program in your Junior League.

Outdoor Meetings

Do not forget to plan for some outdoor meetings. Use the leaflet in the Program Packet, "An Outdoor Meeting". Extra copies can be secured at 2 cents each.

What the Juniors Are Doing

More Porto Rico Meetings

News of Porto Rico meetings are still coming in. The Juniors certainly have been doing their share.

Holy Trinity, Hollis, N. Y., reports a joint meeting with the Intermediates and Seniors. They gave as their part of the program, "An Evening in Porto Rico". There was a talk by Rev. Z. N. Corbe, and the Porto Rico slides were shown. The Juniors sent \$15 as their contribution.

Ascension, Savannah, Ga., held a similar meeting with the other two Leagues and had the slides.

Bethel, Stone Church, Pa., gave the pageant, "A Mountain of Flowers on the Isle of Enchantment", and contributed \$6.75.

Johnstown (Pa.) District has been active. Trinity, Johnstown, with the Intermediates and Seniors, had a special Sunday evening meeting. The Juniors gave "The Parable of the Ten Virgins", which was also the subject of the evening sermon. Trinity, Berlin, had a special meeting with the Intermediates, had the slides, and a fine program. The Juniors of Jerome also gave a Porto Rico program. All sent contributions and as a result they will reach their quota at least three times.

Grace, Fairmont, W. Va., reports another fine meeting. They are one of our new Junior Leagues. The Superintendent writes: "We felt fortunate indeed to have the slides for such an important

date as Junior Porto Rico Day, and we were very lucky to secure the use of a lantern which one of the Juniors borrowed. Our pastor had the opening service and then turned the meeting over to the Juniors, who had entire charge. We used the two exercises, 'America and Porto Rico' and 'P-o-r-t-o R-i-c-o'. One of the Juniors read the Scripture lesson and the lecture in connection with the slides, two Juniors operated the slides, etc. Our Junior Missionary Secretary did the announcing, and our President made the 'Plea for Porto Rico'. It was fine."

St. Mark's, Reading, Pa., another of our new Leagues, gave their first public program on March 29, using the program, "An Evening in Porto Rico", and sending \$5.57 as their contribution.

St. Paul's, New York City, sent a fine printed program of their meeting. They had charge of the Sunday evening service. The program given: Hymn, Psalm 19, Hymn, Exercise: "America and Porto Rico", by the Juniors, "Porto Rico in Pictures", the Porto Rico slides and an address by Rev. F. F. Fry, Prayer, Offering for Porto Rico, Hymn, Lord's Prayer, and Benediction, made up the program. Advent Junior League co-operated with the loan of some of its costumes.

Other News

Grace, Red Lion, Pa., Juniors held a New Year's Social which was much enjoyed. A program was rendered and refreshments served. A program on Porto Rico was recently given and an offering received for the Training School. Two new members were added.

Trinity, York, Pa., now has a membership of 50 and is working toward a goal of 75. A special program was given on March 2, using the pageant, "A Mountain of Flowers on the Isle of Enchantment". They gave a special Easter program and plan special features each month. They are using as a mission study book, "Little Lord Jesus."

Holy Trinity, Hollis, N. Y., is studying "Jewels the Giant Dropped". Are making a Philippine Village, and filling a Treasure Chest to be sent to the Philippine Islands. Recently twenty of these Juniors visited the Museum of Natural History in New York and viewed the Mexican exhibit of arts and handwork sent by the Mexican school children as a "thank you" for the School Bags sent last year.

Alsace, Reading, Pa., Junior League during Lent had a Junior Mission Study Class, using "Jumping Beans", a book on Mexico.

Southern District, N. J., Juniors are quite active. Three new Leagues were recently reported. A rally is held every two months and a banner is presented to the Junior League with the highest percentage present at each rally. The January rally was a Porto Rico meeting and for March a debate was arranged.

Christ, Fairview, held a Porto Rico meeting. St. Paul's, Hainesport, held a public meeting and have sent baskets of fruit to the sick.

Trinity, Rummeneid, sent Valentines to the sick. St. John's, Findlay, Ohio, had charge of the service on Sunday evening, March 30, and gave a most interesting program: Voluntary by a Junior, Hymn, Psalm, Gloria Patri, Lord's Prayer, Bible Readings, Song, Violin Solo, Solo and Chorus by Juniors, Pageant: "Even These Little Ones", Offertory, Junior Rally Hymn, Benediction.

St. Michael's, Sellersville, Pa., had a St. Patrick's Party. They presented the pastor with a set of bookends on his birthday.

Olivet, Toledo, Ohio, are filling a Treasure Chest to send to the Philippine Islands.

St. Paul's, Johnstown, N. Y., had a Mission Study Class, studying "Jewels the Giant Dropped". They have sent two boxes of clothing to Porto Rico, are sending a Treasure Chest to the Philippines, and conducted an Easter Service at the Old Folks' Home.

Bethany, New York, another new Junior League, reports sending the following contributions: \$5 for a Sustaining Membership, three \$1 Contributing Memberships, \$3 for Porto Rico, \$1 for the South American Kindergarten. They held a public meeting on May 1 and have made all twelve points on the Junior Program. Congratulations!

St. Peter's, Corydon, Ind., is one of our enterprising groups. They have joined the Good Neighbor Club, adopting the Junior League at our Good Shepherd Home, Allentown, Pa. They gave a special Porto Rico meeting, sing at the church services at times, and have special musical features at their regular meetings.

Special Notice—Juniors!

Are you twelve years old this year? If so, you will get a camera free. Any child who has a twelfth birthday this year will be given a camera as a birthday gift by the Eastman Kodak Company. Read your local newspapers and see your local photographer or drug store for particulars. The distribution will begin May 1 and continue until June 1. If you are twelve years old this year—get your camera!

The Junior Luther League adds this: A book of stories will be awarded to the Junior who sends in between June 1 and 30 the best snapshot taken with one of these cameras. The snapshot must be of your Junior League, your Superintendents, one of your officers, several of your Juniors in costume, several Juniors showing some handwork, or something of special interest concerning your Junior League. On the back must be written your name and address and age, and facts telling what the picture is about.

Your Junior Secretary,

Brenda L. Mehlhouse

TOPICS

June 1, 1930

Sunday after Ascension

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

(By Rev. S. White Rhyne)
Hebrews 10:24, 25

Aims: To encourage the young people to train for Christian leadership during the summer. To increase the opportunities for leadership training through the Church.

Suggestions: All who are to participate in the program, even the leaders of the discussion periods, should be selected and given assignments far enough in advance to make preparation.

Program Plan I. Select members of the League who have attended Summer Assemblies, Camps, Youth Conferences, Leadership Training Schools or Classes, and let each one have three to five minutes to relate his experiences. Be sure the camp or conference had a training feature and was not purely for recreation. Have someone familiar with the opportunities for leadership training offered by your congregation and community for the coming summer present the program. Discuss together the possibilities of the League and members of the League participating in the program outlined. Close with a prayer for these undertakings and stronger leadership.

Program Plan II. Have a roundtable discussion of the characteristics of a leader. Let members of the League suggest characteristics while the discussion leader writes them on a blackboard. Use the debate at the close of this topic. Have someone present the opportunities offered by the congregation and community for the coming summer in leadership training. Have open discussion on the possibilities of participating in the program offered. Close with prayer for these undertakings and stronger leadership.

Program Plan III. Let the leader and members selected present the program as outlined in this topic and close with open discussion on how the League, and members of the League, might participate in some of the summer opportunities. Where no opportunities are being offered, let the discussion center around what the League might do to provide some opportunities in their midst. Prayer as above.

Program Plan IV. Make a combination of parts of the other three to suit local needs.

Suggested Hymns:

"Saviour, Teach Me Day by Day"
"Lead On, O King Eternal"
"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"
"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

The Importance of Leadership

Every great enterprise is looking for leaders. How large the undertaking will grow, how far the venture will reach, depends upon the leader. The work cannot expand beyond the leader. There must be someone in front. Business, government, the school, the Church, every enterprise recognizes this and they are seeking for leaders.

Everyone longs to lead. It is a natural tendency. We often see little children playing "Follow the leader". When they have grown up a bit there is many an argument over who will be "the leader". The competitive instinct is often appealed to to encourage us to work harder and better. It is a wholesome practice to always try to beat our own past record. We are then competing with ourselves. We are leading ourselves. Men in all ages have been leaders. Edison is a leader in science. Ford is a leader in industry. Gladstone was a leader of the State. Luther was a leader of the Church. Jesus was a leader. He spent His time during His active ministry gathering followers. He said to men, "Come ye after Me", "Follow Me". And Jesus told us to be leaders, "Let your light so shine before men".

Christian Leadership. Christian leadership is the only true leadership. In it the leader walks in front not that he might lead the procession but that he might help those who are behind. "Let your light so shine", not that you might be seen, but that others might not have to walk in the darkness. Jesus said, "Whosoever would be great among you", whosoever would lead, "let him be the servant of all." It is worthy of note that Chris-

tian leadership is not confined to work in the Church. Jesus said, "Whosoever", not simply preachers, Sunday School teachers, and Presidents of Luther Leagues, but whosoever. Whoever would lead in manufacturing, in farming, in the school, in the Church, on the playground, whosoever, let him be the one who does the most for others while he is forgetful of himself. The world needs Christian leadership in all walks of life.

Church Leadership. The Church is an enterprise with a divine command to extend her membership to include every individual of every nation in the world. What a need for leadership. At the head of the Church stands Jesus with the offer of salvation for everyone. Between Him and the masses there is the call for leadership to bear the news. It is a call for preachers, teachers, Luther Leaguers, singers, givers, doers; a call that includes all from the great leader who can lead multitudes on down to the one who can lead but a single little child, yet a leader. The Church calls for leaders. Look into your own congregation and see if you do not hear such a call coming directly to you.

The Changing Summer Program

The Vacation Season. For many years summer has been known as the vacation season. The word vacation comes from the same word that the word vacant comes from in the Latin language. Summer was therefore considered a season that was void of work. Business slacked up, schools closed, and even some churches did not hold services.

A Training Season. This attitude toward summer is gradually changing. Some folks are taking their vacations in the winter. Public schools are having summer sessions. Most teachers are required to take special training to fit them for leadership in the schools. Colleges and universities are continuing their school year through a summer quarter. Many leaders who are occupied in their work during other seasons are spending the summer season training for greater leadership. The vacation is being as pleasantly, and more profitably, spent in leadership training. In many of our churches we see a new program being promoted known as "the summer program".

The Rural Church and the Resort Center. The summer season is especially an opportunity for the rural and resort churches. Cool mountain breezes, happy summer days, better roads, more comfortable buildings, no public school, students home from college, teachers back from town, all these open opportunities for the rural sections that winter cannot offer. Even the city church is blessed by some of these above their usual realization. Vacation Church Schools, Luther League conferences and conventions, opportunities for leadership training are opened at every turn.

Some Summer Opportunities for Leadership Training

Summer Assemblies. Many synods of our Church are now conducting summer assemblies, or summer schools, for leadership training at special assembly grounds, or at colleges on their territory. There in the atmosphere of good fellowship leaders of the Church are gathered to instruct and inspire the workers and

future workers of the Church. Conferences are held, addresses delivered, accredited leadership training courses are taught, Luther League materials and methods are discussed and with it all there is a time for recreation and play. In the fellowship of Christian love the youth of the Church are trained to become the leaders of the Church. (If such an assembly is not conducted in your territory there should be discussion of how one might be started.)

Summer Camps. Dr. Charles W. Eliot said, "The organized summer camp is the most important step in education which America has given to the world." Rather slowly, but gradually, the Church is awakening to the opportunity of the summer camp as a way of leadership training. Many congregations are conducting camps. In a few cases synods and districts are sponsoring camps. In one case the Parish and Church School Board is promoting a leadership training camp.

Did you ever watch the camp-fire
When the wood has fallen low,
And the ashes start to whiten
Round the ember's crimson glow?
With the night sounds all around you
Making silence doubly sweet.

And a full moon high above you
That the spell may be complete;
Tell me, were you ever nearer
To the land of heart's desire
Than when you sat there thinking
With your feet before the fire?

—Author Unknown

In the great out-of-doors we are brought very near to God. In the friendly comradeship of roughing it together, many lessons are learned and many experiences are wrought into our very being. A camp is not a camp unless it has the purpose of training for leadership definitely planned in its program. Camp life is the natural life for leadership training and we should take advantage of the natural opportunities that arise. To ignore them without planning our program is to waste opportunity. (If a camp is not conducted by the Church in your community there should be discussion of how one might be started.)

Youth Conferences. Summer is the season of conferences and conventions. Many are the groups of young people that will be called for the coming summer months. Luther League conventions and conferences, young people gathering from widely scattered sections of the Church, new acquaintances, new views of life, new methods of leadership, greater visions of service, these are the experiences that await us this coming summer. In the midst of forming our life and life purposes there is nothing more important than founding our convictions in God and shaping our life with His will. The summer calls us to confer with God together.

Leadership Training Courses. A complete course of leadership training for all departments of church work is being promoted by the Parish and Church School Board. Information may be obtained by addressing a letter to their office, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Each course merits a certificate of credit toward a standard leadership training diploma. In many communities the summer season is the great opportunity for a leadership training class in the congregation or a leadership training school in the community. Courses are offered for young people's work as well as all departments and organizations of the Church.

Summer, once the season of vacancy, is rapidly becoming the season of opportunity for the Church through the use of natural advantages not present at any other

seasons of the year. What greater service may we render in His Kingdom than to better train ourselves for leadership or help others to train for His cause.

Debate Subject

Resolved, That great leaders are born leaders not trained.

Questions for Discussion

1. The characteristics of a leader.
2. Training leaders for the Church is more important than training members for the Church.
3. Christ as a leader of men.

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June 8, 1930

Whitsunday

PRAYER IN THE LIFE OF LEADERS

Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12

(By Mrs. A. J. Traver)

Aims: To understand the meaning of prayer, the forms of prayer, the need of prayer, the value of prayer.

Suggestions: Assign previously the questions introduced throughout the digest. Mabel Thurston's book, "The Adventure of Prayer", is the main source material. This book was included in the Reading Course a few years ago and is a fine book of devotions for young people. Another book which will be helpful in preparing the topic is "The Life of Prayer in a World of Science", by Wm. A. Brown.

Leader: Mabel Thurston says: "Prayer is the greatest adventure. To think that any one, man or woman, boy or girl, can really be in touch with the Creator of the universe, the thought is more tremendous than any of the marvelous possibilities that science is revealing to us today."

There are five questions we might ask about prayer—but time is too short to develop them all. We will consider specially the answers to 1. What is prayer? 2. How pray? 3. Why pray? Our need. Its value. Briefly we will try to discuss when and where to pray.

Digest

Prayer in the life of leaders. What do we mean by the term "leaders"? Do we mean only those who hold prominent places or may we think of those who are potential leaders? Each well-balanced person is a potential leader. The slogan, "Every Leaguer a future leader", presupposes a big work in the future. Why not, "Every Leaguer a leader, now and always"? We can become leaders, develop our best selves only through prayer. God has a plan for the world and for us. Part of His plan is already fulfilled. He trusts us to fulfill it more completely. We expect leaders in the Church to be close to God with a real prayer life. How about leaders in society, in politics, in business? Should we be surprised if we find such instances?

Give some notable examples of famous leaders who depended on prayer. George Washington at Valley Forge; Martin Luther on a specially busy day. Who else?

What Is Prayer?

The disciples had observed how Jesus depended on prayer. They asked for the formula. They receive a form, a model.

1. How is the Lord's Prayer a model prayer?
2. Analyze the Lord's Prayer. What is placed first, common or individual needs?
3. Are requests sustenance, forgiveness, guidance, renewal in ascending or descending order of importance? There are many definitions of prayer. Discuss these:
 1. Prayer is the practice of the presence of God.
 2. Prayer is keeping our lives open to Him so that His life will fill our lives.
 3. Prayer is communion with God.
 4. Prayer is just asking God for things. Sometimes He spells out the answer, No. We don't listen long enough to get the whole answer, Not Yet.

How Pray?

The forms of prayer. Discuss this form of private or family prayer.

1. Address to God—Consciousness of God's presence.
2. Adoration—Devout meditation on what God is.
3. Confession—Sense of sin in soul. (Acknowledgement before God leads not to despair, but hope.—Matthew 10:32.)
4. Petition (or Supplication)—Blessings for self. Every sense of personal infirmity, every pressure of want. Matthew 7:7.
5. Intercession (for others)—Embraces home, family and whole world besides.
6. Thanksgiving—Delightful meditation on what God has done for others and for us. Traces all things to God. Romans 1:8.
7. Conclusion—In Jesus' Name. Matthew 18:19, 20.

Why Pray?

A—The Need of Prayer.

There are times when only God can help, times of illness, misfortune, temptation, when we instinctively cry out, "God help us".

When that time comes will we be at ease in God's presence? If not, why?

We pray, "In Jesus' name". That means "in the spirit of Jesus". What would it mean to have the spirit of Jesus manifested in the lives of all leaders?

Discuss Speer's statement, "The evangelism of the world depends on a revival of the life of prayer."

Why did Joel Lapra (who is he?) bow his head in prayer in a Chicago theatre?

Discuss briefly where to pray.

Why did Mr. Inadomi (who is he?) spend the night before his graduation from Roanoke College in prayer on a mountain top?

Discuss briefly when to pray.

B—The Value of Prayer.

How does prayer become a training school of character?

Prayer clarifies our thinking.

Prayer freshens our face.

Prayer quickens our step.

Prayer assists our opportunities.

Prayer intensifies our love.

Do we owe it to God to develop our characters by prayer and in every other way to become more efficient helpers in his work?

Prayer

Lord, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in Thy presence will avail to make!
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take!
What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!
We kneel, and all around us seems to lower;

We rise, and all, the distant and the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear:
We kneel, how weak! we rise, how full of power!
Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,
Or others—that we are not always strong—
That we are sometimes overborne with care—
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled—when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee?

—Richard C. Trench

Prayer: Dear Master, teach us how to pray. Help us to get and keep the habit of prayer. Show us our need and Thy willingness to meet it. Teach us the needs of others and make us willing to help. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymns:

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Lord, Teach Us How to Pray
Sweet Hour of Prayer

June 15, 1930

Trinity Sunday

HOW GREAT LEADERS SERVED THEIR GENERATION

(By Rev. John H. Dudde)

Acts 20:17-35

Aims: To show the qualities of character which made leaders in the past truly great. To inspire a desire to emulate them. To help young people to realize that they can have the qualities of true greatness if they will pay the price and meet the conditions.

Suggestions to Leaders: If possible, have each member come prepared to name a favorite character and to state what outstanding trait of life or type of service prompted the selection. Have a brief "Hero Worship" period in which members will in a sentence answer the question: "My hero (or heroine). Why?" Or secure a large picture of Christ and a number of fair-sized pictures of great men and women. Have them on exhibition and let the group decide as to qualities of character and service rendered that marked their greatness. At the close of this part of the program let someone read, standing by the picture of Christ, John 13:12-17. The group may also decide who of those discussed came nearest the Master in quality of life and service.

Hymns: "The Son of God Goes Forth to War"; "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"; "Take My Life and Let It Be".

Digest

Character and Service

A person's value to the world depends upon the service he has rendered through the gifts God had given him. Such service is as varied as the activities, needs and interests of humanity. Naturally the highest service, from the standpoint of the world, is that which meets the deepest needs and the highest interests of the race. From the standpoint of the individual, that is the highest service he can render which uses his talents and resources to the fullest measure in the sphere where they will count for the most permanent good of his fellowmen. Our task in life is to find our place in God's plan and then live our lives to the fullest degree of service there. To do this requires the highest qualities of character, for to approach life thus demands a truly magnanimous (great minded) spirit. We will find, as we study great men and women who pre-eminently served their generation, that they were great in soul as well as great in service. We also find that many a great service was nullified and marred because of a grave flaw in character. Apart from Jesus, no better example of a great soul rendering great service can be offered than the apostle Paul.

Great Leaders Were Humble

Pride has wrecked many a splendid piece of service. If the person hadn't been so conceited; if he hadn't been so sensitive; if he hadn't been so unwilling to yield on trifles affecting his vanity; if he had seen his own work in its proper proportions with that of others; if he hadn't always clamored for the last ounce of credit and praise; how differently his life's story would have read! Pride goes before fall, and failure to serve. Name

the great leaders and you name humble men: Moses, Jesus, Paul, Augustine, Luther, Washington, Lincoln. "Your humble servant" must still be written at the close of life's epistle of those who would truly serve their age.

Peter, the boaster, had to be humbled and learn his weakness before he could be a real servant of Christ and serve God in every conceivable abasement of life. "Humble-minded" he learned to live as well as to write. The opinionated young rabbi Saul had to be humbled in the dust before his true service for God and humanity began "with all lowliness of mind".

The proud man or woman can render you and me no satisfactory service. Such as is offered we would like to spurn as an insult. We accept it with protest in our souls. We feel we have been cheated. The true servant of God does not merely stoop to serve; he raises the fallen and needy with a grace of humility which makes comrades of servant and served.

Great Leaders Were Courageous

Life's pathway is strewn with failures of those who dreamed but didn't dare. They saw the "lowly path of service free"; they yearned to tread it, but feared to pay the price. They were afraid of the consulting of "flesh and blood" and likewise dreaded to ignore the adverse opinion of relatives and friends. How many pastors, missionaries and deaconesses have been lost to the Kingdom through youthful timidity? The promised land was full of giants too great to be conquered by their shrinking souls. How many lives have started out with great promise but have come to a mediocre close, just because they feared to face some great decision. The great testing hour came and they wilted.

How different the great leaders: John the Baptist preparing the way for Christ; Jesus facing the cross; Paul preaching Christ to the Gentiles; Luther confronting the Papacy; Washington opposing England; Lincoln hated and despised. In the words of Paul, they "shrank not from declaring the whole counsel of God" as God had given them to see and do. Without courage their work of service is inconceivable.

Great Leaders Were Consecrated

Few people are capable of doing many things well. The highest quality of service requires that we consider all things of no account for the fulfillment of one supreme task. Therefore, many fine things must be left undone, many good books left unread, many harmless pleasures untasted because of the urgency of the task of service. We are too easily side-tracked. We have too many purposes and too little purpose. "This one thing I do", said Paul, and "turned the world upside down", as his enemies put it. Concentration is the focusing of life's energies upon its essential purpose. Consecration is finding that purpose in the will of God for one's life. Life apart from that means little and accomplishes nothing of abiding value. Listen to Paul: "I hold not my life of any account as dear unto myself so that I may accomplish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God."—Acts 20:24.

Listen to Jesus: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to accomplish His work."—John 4:34.

Great Leaders Were Unselfish

"I coveted no man's silver or gold, or apparel," said Paul. "I seek not yours but you." If he had been

interested in advancing his own personal material success he would have turned his back on the vision of the Damascus Road. Any man or woman who has been anxious to accomplish the utmost in service for God and humanity has not had time to lay plans for personal fame and fortune. To a true servant of God such plans are not only sinful but silly. "Give us this day our daily bread." That's all. The material return of his labor interests him only as a means to carry on, or a by-product to be re-invested in the major service of his life. As soon as a leader seeks his personal advancement his fellowmen become secondary and he shackles the fleet foot of fullhearted service.

Great Leaders Were Idealists

Leadership in service demands lucid vision. The blind cannot lead. Leaders must see the fruits of their labors long before the harvest—a harvest which they may not reap. They see things as they are: black is black, white is white. But they do not rest there. They see things as they ought to be and keep the ideal before them as they plod on to their goal. Such was the spirit of Jesus, Peter and John in the New Testament. Such was Augustine with his vision of the City of God; Washington in his farewell address; Lincoln at Gettysburg.

"Who Follows in Their Train?"

The possibility of truly great service rests in everyone. The great leaders have not always been brilliant nor of many talents. Many were plodders. Nor was it a matter of opportunity. All of us have some and similar talents. All of us have similar opportunities of service, if we look at things qualitatively and not quantitatively. It rests with us whether we will in the spirit of humility, courage, consecration and unselfishness heed the voice of Christ calling us to follow and help realize the ideals which He has placed before us in the conception of the Kingdom of God in every walk of life.

Questions for Discussion

Can a mean soul render great service?

How can a man with the ability for making money serve his day?

Would you call a man like Mussolini great?

Is a person in secular work justified in demanding more for his service than that which he places as the ideal for the ministry?

How can I know that I am doing God's will for my life?

June 22, 1930

First Sunday after Trinity HOW JESUS MADE LEADERS OF HIS DISCIPLES

Mark 1:17; 5:18-20; 6:7; Acts 1:4-8

(By P. D. Brown)

Aim: To show how Christian leadership is developed and to present the need of Christ-trained leaders in this age.

Suggestions: It will be interesting and helpful to illustrate from history the great service rendered by Christian leadership in comparison with that of the so-called great men and women who were not Christian. Invite several outstanding people in your community to tell what Christian leadership is doing in their own business or profession or to present the dire results where such leadership is lacking.

How Jesus Made Leaders of His Disciples

Did He Actually Do It? Who can question it? He took twelve untaught men and caused them to astound the world with the greatness of their message. Timid and provincial they were when He called them, and finally sent them out fearless and with a world vision. Jesus

did make leaders out of His disciples, and the record is in the acts of the apostles and in the epistles. How did He do it?

By a Definite Call. It was a call to a definite life and to a particular service. It was a call to leave the old life and to follow the new which He would reveal to them. They were asked to live the separated life. Truly great leadership does not stand waist deep in the mud and dream dreams. It stands upon solid rock and does things. Many will never be marked leaders for they do not have the spirit of spiritual adventure. Leaders of men must follow when Christ calls.

The Inspiration of His Fellowship. After they had left their homes and fishing boats they were enriched in the sweetness and blessedness of His fellowship. Their minds and hearts were fed by Him who is the bread and water of life. After a few years of such fellowship these Galilean fishermen begin to turn the world upside down and capture it for their Lord. A leadership detached from Christ cannot be powerful. Leaders must themselves live in Christ and with Christ if they would lead others to Christ. The most essential quality of leadership is a Christ-like life and we can receive that only from Christ Himself. If you would lead "let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus".

A New Vision of God Our Father. In the gospel of Christ is the only satisfying revelation of God and it is the only complete revelation of Him. The philosophies and the sciences make vital contributions to our knowledge and to preparation for leadership. But to lead nobly and wisely we must know God the Father as Jesus revealed Him. The disciples would have never become world missionaries by the inspiration of the Old Testament conception of God. Jesus showed them the Father in Himself and for Him they were willing to live and to die. So are we all when we know Him as the disciples knew Him.

The Wonders of Prayer. Great leaders are praying men and women. Jesus trained His disciples in the secrets of prayer. He gave them a wonderful example. Time and again He leaves them to spend a whole night alone with His Father and when the disciples come they find Him praying. They knew He prayed and they heard Him pray. So they asked Him to teach them to pray. From that request came our model prayer. These disciples became praying men and there is one of the secrets of their power.

Actual Experience in Service. Someone will say that leaders are born such. But leaders are also made. It takes practice to make perfect. Jesus gave His disciples a chance to practice Christian service before He left them. He would heal a person and then send him home to serve his community. He sent out the disciples on mission tours. He sent out the seventy two by two. Jesus taught them how to serve and they learned their lesson well. Jesus conducted extensive clinics in spiritual surgery and the disciples were eager learners. You will never become a good leader if you never try to lead. With every effort to lead new strength for a bigger opportunity will come. Every Leaguer should have the opportunity to develop leadership. But he will never become a leader unless he is given the opportunity to practice.

Empowered by the Holy Ghost. They were not to launch out upon their great world mission until they

received power from on high. When the Holy Ghost was outpoured then they became witnesses to Him beginning at Jerusalem and extending to the ends of the earth. Great leadership is Spirit-inspired, Spirit-empowered, and Spirit-impelled. And the Holy Spirit is waiting to baptize every worthy candidate for leadership today. Let us invite Him to come even to us. In our weakness He is our strength. He unties the stammering tongue. He takes broken sentences and makes them the power of God unto salvation to needy souls. Let us not rely too much on human machinery, but more on Him who can furnish the spiritual dynamics for adequate leadership.

The Need of Christ-trained Leaders

The Need. The fields are still white unto the harvest. The multitudes upon whom Jesus had compassion are still without a shepherd. The woes that hung Him to the cross are still ravaging human life. The tears which flowed down His holy face because of Jerusalem's doom are still flowing for a needy world. Christ-trained leaders are alone adequate for the task of making the gospel effective in human life today. They alone have the will and the impelling love to walk in the old paths and to lead others therein. Other shepherds there are but they do not love the sheep and the sheep know them not, nor will they hear their voices. Good shepherds give their lives for the sheep. Christian leadership alone is willing to make the needed sacrifices.

Spheres of Christian Leadership

The Home. Let us begin there. The need is evident. Christ-trained leaders can show the way to a more stable home life, to a reunion of the home and the Church, to the abolition of the peril of divorce, and point out the ideals for home making to the youth of our country.

The Church. The Church has never had enough of able and devout leadership. What a field for the highest type of young manhood and womanhood which desires to make life really count in sacrificial service.

The Social Order. Many things are out of joint in the social world about us. Social righteousness does not come by itself. Christian leadership can give to a confused social order the peace and stability of Christ.

The State. Who will give the nations security and well-being? Who will finally rid this world of war? Who will finally make governments live the spirit of Christ and give to citizens love and respect for law? The answer to all these questions is found in the gospel of Christ and in Christian leaders who will heroically blaze the trail of righteousness everywhere and convince the nations that they cannot be great unless the Lord is their God. Good citizenship is a noble thing, but we need Christian leadership to establish its ideals and to teach man its loveliness in practice.

Questions for Discussion

1. What fields offer the greatest opportunity for Christian leadership?
2. Should our Lutheran Church establish training schools for Christian leadership in addition to those we now have?
3. Have all great leaders been Christian men and women?
4. What are the qualifications for Christian leadership?

June 29, 1930

Second Sunday after Trinity GREAT MISSIONARY LEADERS

Ephesians 3:7, 8; 4:11-13

(Suggestions to Leaders: The wise leader will make use of the splendid suggestions for this program which are made in the Topic Booklet. The Bible study should be used. Making the lists of ten of the greatest world missionaries and ten of the greatest missionaries of the Lutheran Church will add interest to the program and will, at the same time, give a much needed knowledge of our foreign mission work. The outline given below approaches the subject from another viewpoint. A combination can well be made of the two outlines. Let the program begin with the outline offered in the Topic Booklet and close with the program material offered here.)

Leader: There are several groups of missionary leaders that we want to consider in our further study of Great Missionary Leaders. For our study they may be divided into two classes:

1. Those leaders who are known to the Church, whose names are enrolled in our Church Year Book and whose work entitles them to have their names on the list of missionary leaders.

2. Those whose names are not enrolled in the Church Year Book, but whose work entitles them to places on the missionary leaders' roll.

It is a good thing for our young people to become familiar with our Church, and it is a good thing for them to know and appreciate those who are serving for us. Let us begin with our Board of Foreign Missions and decide whether the Secretaries of this Board are entitled to places on the roll which we are compiling.

Dr. Paul W. Koller

Member: We are sometimes in danger of thinking that all we have to do in the missionary enterprise is to select our missionaries and contribute some money each Sunday morning and that the foreign mission work will then be accomplished. When we become thoughtful we will know that there is much more to be done. All of our foreign mission stations must be directed in their operations, the directors of the home base must be men and women with ability for leadership. We want to know that the money which we contribute is wisely expended. There must be kept before the minds of all of our people the extension of the Kingdom. There are in the United Lutheran Church in America 1,370,183 baptized members (1928 statistics). The responsibility of leading this large group into proper missionary activities is a responsibility that falls largely upon our Board of Foreign Missions. Some of the members of this Board have been mentioned in our former programs. Dr. Wolf and Dr. Drach have given years of unselfish service to the extension of the Kingdom, working through the Board of Foreign Missions. The latest Executive Secretary of the Board is Dr. Paul W. Koller. His short term of service has convinced the Church at large that he deserves a place on the list of great missionary leaders. A man with a keen understanding of the many problems that arise; with tact and judgment that enable him to handle wisely the problems that confront his Board; with a burning desire to hasten the day when "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess"; with a humility that makes evident the fact that his desire is not for self-glory; and with a record of accomplished work—certainly these characteristics entitle the Executive Secretary of our Board of Foreign Missions to a place on the list of Great Missionary Leaders. And along with him we will want to place the names of the other Secretaries of the Board: Dr. L. B. Wolf, who is the senior one of the Secretaries and who has a special responsibility for our work in South America and China;

Dr. George Drach, Corresponding Secretary for India and Japan; and Dr. Edwin Thomas, Corresponding Secretary for Africa. To Dr. Drach we are especially indebted for much of our foreign mission literature. Dr. Thomas has the special responsibility of presenting the cause of foreign missions to those who may want to make special gifts to our mission fields. We honor all of these missionary leaders.

Leader: Our subject, as stated, is not confined to leaders of foreign missionary enterprises. There must be leaders for mission work in our own country. Several boards have been combined into one Board of American Missions. We study the Executive Secretary of this Board.

Dr. Franklin F. Fry

Member: When the various boards merged and formed the Board of American Missions those who had the matter in charge sought for a leader and prayed that the right man—the man with a spirit of leadership, combined with other essential characteristics—might be found. In answer to this search which was conducted in the spirit of prayer, Dr. Franklin F. Fry was selected as the first Executive Secretary of the Board of American Missions. The reading of even one of Dr. Fry's letters in the Luther League Review is convincing proof of the fact that Dr. Fry's heart is in the work that he is doing. To lead the Lutheran Church in America in the work of extending the Kingdom in America is a great responsibility. The struggling city churches; the churches of the small towns; the churches of the mountain districts; the un-churched people of all sections, all come under his leadership. There are in the United Lutheran Church in America 706 congregations under the care of the Board of American Missions. In addition there is the responsibility of the organization of congregations in many un-churched sections. Surely the Secretary who leads wisely in this capacity is a great missionary leader.

Leader: Our subject, as stated, is not confined to the men who are missionary leaders. The women of our Church, as well as the women of all Churches, are a vital force in the missionary enterprise. There are in the United Lutheran Church in America 53,209 women who are organized for the purpose of doing missionary work. There must be a leader for this group of women, representing 2,032 missionary societies.

Mrs. W. F. Morehead

Member: Mrs. W. F. Morehead is President of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America. Her ability for leadership has been demonstrated by the positions which she has held in both Church and civic organizations. Many who are familiar with her work marvel at her knowledge of the various mission fields and at her understanding, as well as at her sympathetic guidance of all the women who look to her for leadership. Years of interest in the work and of study of the field have made her one of our great missionary leaders. Organizations outside of the Church have recognized her ability and have called on her for membership on various boards and have made her an office-holder in their organizations. Associated with Mrs. Morehead in her work as leader of the missionary activities of our Church are a group of women whose unselfish devotion to the great missionary cause should class them in the list of missionary leaders.

Leader: We have studied some of the first group of leaders—those whose names are known to all of us. The second group is so much larger that their names cannot be mentioned. They can be considered only in groups.

The Missionary Pastor

Member: Would that we could express our individual appreciation of every pastor who leads his congregation into missionary activities, who helps them to interpret properly the Great Commission. We have heard it said that there are a few pastors—only a very few—who argue that the home congregation must be strengthened before any effort is made to witness away from home; that after everything is in perfect shape in the home congregation, the parsonage is properly painted and furnished, the pastor's salary increased as it should be—then it is time to think of foreign missions. We have never met such a pastor, and we are glad that the number is small and possibly growing smaller. There are pastors, and their number is increasing, who insist that their congregations should have three pastors—one for the local congregation, one for the foreign congregation, and one for a home mission congregation. Certainly the pastor who thus leads his congregation should have his name placed on the roll of Great Missionary Leaders. The same is true of the pastor who cannot do this, but who has such a missionary zeal that the members of his congregation—the men and women, the young people and the children, are led to work and pray for the extension of the Kingdom of God, as well as to give of their substance, because it is the matter that is uppermost in their minds. There are hundreds of pastors in the Lutheran Church in America who are great missionary leaders.

The Missionary President

Member: We have studied about the President of the Women's Society of the United Lutheran Church in America, and have designated Mrs. Morehead as a great missionary leader; but there are a great many other women, some not so well known, who also may be called great missionary leaders. The President of every State missionary convention or of every smaller conference convention; the President of every local missionary society; all may claim a place on our roll of missionary leaders. True, there may be some who do not recognize this fact; there may be some who do not realize in their election to office the opportunity for real missionary leadership; but the many busy women who labor and who pray that the organization over which they preside may catch a vision and may have the spirit and the determination that will cause them to work for the coming of the Kingdom—such women are great missionary leaders, and leaders on whom the progress of the work is dependent. Some of their names may never be in print, but the result of their work will be felt around the world. This group of women are frequently the busy women of the various congregations; but they take time from their home cares and from their business responsibilities to study the missionary problem and to work for the advancement of the missionary activities of their organizations. No salaries come to them; frequently there are only a few words of commendation. To some of them there sometimes comes the joy of seeing the works of their hands prosper; but to many of them there may never come the knowledge of their real

achievements. However, they are undoubtedly missionary leaders.

Missionary Leaders of Children

Member: In answer to the question, "When did your interest in missions begin?" one of our missionary leaders said: "When I was a child." A graph was made of the answers of a group of missionary workers to this same question, "When did your interest in missions begin?" The graph showed that the missionary interests of 75 per cent of the group began when they were children. The child leaders of this group of missionary workers were missionary leaders. We must include, then, in our list of missionary leaders the missionary Sunday School teacher, the missionary leader of the Light Brigade, and the missionary leader of the Junior Luther League; and it is possible that this group of leaders of children is the most important group of missionary leaders. In this group we cannot forget the missionary mother—the mother who recognizes the fact that children are interested in those things to which they give as well as that they give to those things in which they are interested. Missionary mothers, then, have a place on the roll of missionary leaders.

The Luther League Missionary Secretary

Member: We have saved for the last the missionary leaders who touch our own Luther League organization. We cannot fail to count in the list that faithful State Missionary Secretary whose business affairs allow him little spare time; but who finds time out of his leisure time to do much towards the promotion of the missionary activities of all of the Luther Leagues of his State organization. The responsibility of missionary leadership is a real responsibility to him and he meets it squarely. The number of missionary leaders of this class is increasing every year and we are grateful for them. It is so easy to hold office and neglect the responsibility that comes with the office. To have a name on the Luther League stationery and to attend the Executive Committee meetings is not the whole duty of missionary leadership as imposed by holding office as Missionary Secretary of a State organization or of a local organization. We have only twenty-nine missionary leaders who have the privilege of leadership as State Missionary Secretaries; but we should have 1,134 young people who are missionary leaders because they hold office as Missionary Secretaries of local Luther Leagues. It is such an easy thing for this more than 1,000 young people to neglect this opportunity, and, on the other hand, there is much joy that comes from the knowledge of such leadership properly directed.

The Missionary Member

Leader: As we have studied the subject, it is probable that there are some who have agreed with all that has been said about missionary leadership, who have recognized the fact that Dr. Koller, Dr. Fry, Mrs. Morehead, the pastors, the State and Local Missionary Secretaries have great responsibilities as missionary leaders; but who have felt no missionary responsibility for themselves. Office-holding is not necessary for missionary leadership. The member of the Luther League who realizes that the Great Commission is for all of the followers of Christ and who longs for the coming of God's Kingdom on earth will unconsciously be a missionary leader. Is this statement a correct one: "Consciously or unconsciously, every member of the Luther League

is a leader for or against the missionary enterprise?" We cannot place the responsibility entirely on the office holders. Such responsibility must come back to the individual.

Topics For Intermediates

June 1, 1930

HOW CAN I GET PEOPLE TO LIKE ME?

Matthew 7:1-5; 12

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday—Matthew 7:1-5; 12

Monday—John 8:1-11

Tuesday—Luke 6:41-45

Wednesday—I Corinthians 4:1-5

Thursday—John 13:1-9

Friday—Philippians 2:1-4

Saturday—John 15:15-17

The Topic

To Leader: Introduce today's topic by calling attention to the difference in meaning between the words "love" and "like". We love persons and like things, because persons are capable of loving in return, but things are not. One should not even love a dog in the same sense that he loves a person. Call for a reason for this. Ask the question: Is it right to love a dog as you do a person? Love is a stronger word than like, and I believe that we should change the topic to read "How Can I Get People to Love Me?"

The Topic

It should not be hard to get people to love us. God has given us the capacities to love and be loved. It is our most human trait if we put the same value on human nature that Jesus did. In listening to Rev. Parkes Cadman over the radio I was impressed by this statement, the gist of which is given in my own words, namely: "Since God chose to reveal Himself by giving Christ, His Son, to the world in the likeness of man (that is, by clothing Him in our human form and nature), let no man think or speak debasingly of human nature." Read Philippians 2:5-8.

Discuss the sin of speaking flippantly and irreverently about human nature. What is there about human nature that sets it off from the animal? Read Genesis 2:7.

The question is how can I get people to love me? The one and only answer is: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus". It is true that even Christ could not make every one love Him, but the point is that Christ made it possible for all men, had they cared to, to love Him. Christ was not at fault for folks not loving Him, nor are we if we love with the same love that Jesus loved with.

Dr. F. F. Fry reporting in the May Review on his interview with Governor Theodore Roosevelt, says of him: "The Governor stands four-square for sterling righteousness and real religion. He is heart and soul in favor of religion. He has captivated the Porto Ricans and is immensely popular." Why are Porto Rico people giving Governor Roosevelt their support? Because he is loving them with a religious fervor.

The mind of Christ was to love us first, II John 4:19. That should be our aim with respect to others. True love does not depend upon conditions outside ourselves, but alone upon conditions within ourselves. If we cannot bring ourselves to love other folks because of some peculiar traits they may possess, the condemnation is upon us, not upon them. This thing of caring only for those who fit into the groove of our life is certainly limiting us in friendships. Approach people on the basis of first loving them and you will find your lives greatly enriched. Go out of the way to love people, and people will go out of their way to love you.

The mind of Christ was also that of loving others in spite of their faults. Our lesson is a warning to us

not to become fault finders. The danger of this fond pastime is in the fact that a big beam in one's eye does not keep that one from seeing a little splinter in the eye of another person. Fault finding is indulged in by people whose consciences are disturbed by their own faults. They talk loudly about other folks to still the voice of their own wicked lives. Christ's estimate of man raised him so high God-wardly that man is classified next in importance to the angels, Psalm 8:4, 5. Surely no man's fault, be it ever so great, should give us just cause for giving man a lower rating than that. So if we are to be loved, we must love others in spite of their faults—for people loving us do not love a faultless person.

The mind of Christ was that of loving mankind to the end. Christ did not start out all enthused over the possibilities of having men flock to Him in voluntary expression of their love, and then let that ardor cool down when He experienced disappointment. But what did He do? Read John 13:1. Cite a few of the many occasions that might have given Jesus just cause for abandoning His high purpose to love mankind. What great word did Jesus sound forth from the cross that expressed His enduring love for those who were killing Him?

In the light of Christ's conduct we should be ashamed of ourselves for letting slight differences pull us apart from our associates. Go through life with a mellow heart of love for mankind and a thick skin that will turn away all rebuffs of others—then you will have no difficulty in being loved.

A Few Practical Suggestions to Follow

In Order to Make People Love You

1. Follow the Golden Rule. Where is it to be found in the Bible? Read it.
2. Be slow to criticize—quick to forgive.
3. Learn friendliness in the home. A boy or girl who is mean and sulky in the home will not progress far in making friends on the outside.
4. Be natural. Do not "throw the dog" or "high hat" before people. Affectation is the least effective and un-becoming trait one can have.
5. Guard against the sin of wanting folks to pamper you.
6. Be truthful. Don't exaggerate.
7. Clean speech and modest deportment are two attractive virtues.
8. Be the same to all people and to all the people all the time.

June 8, 1930

THE VALUES OF A GOOD EDUCATION

Proverbs 3:13-20

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday—Matthew 13:44-46

Monday—Job 28:1-12

Tuesday—I Timothy 4:1-9

Wednesday—Job 28:13-28

Thursday—Proverbs 8:1-14

Friday—Luke 2:41-52

Saturday—II Timothy 1:1-7

The Topic

A Good Education—What Is It?

I suggest that the leader first get an opinion from the League on what is meant by a good education. So many influences bear such great weight in determining what a good education is that it becomes very difficult to decide when a person does or does not possess it. Ten persons may have had equal chances in school and equally applied themselves to their studies, yet what a vast difference there is in the results obtained. Then

again an eleventh person may have had only half the schooling that these ten enjoyed, yet acquire a better education than any one of them.

What is meant by a good education? Is it to be wise in your own eyes? Is it to be a specialist in some branch of learning and ignorant and indifferent to other subjects? Is a person educated who has no real motive in life? Will a person with a good education take time to be friendly? Does a good education fit one to grasp opportunities of service, or is education intended to serve itself?

A Good Education—Influences Bearing On It

These are many. I will list a few of them. After discussing these you might want to suggest still others. My list includes: (1) natural gifts, (2) home training, (3) travel, (4) schooling, (5) environment, (6) religious influence, (7) keen understanding of human nature, (8) peculiar ability in poetry, music and the other arts, (9) good memory, and (10) will power. Is it the privilege of one person to enjoy the benefits of all these influences? Would you say that because a person does not enjoy them all that he is lacking in a good education?

A Good Education—Its Value in General

Its value in a word is in its well rounding influence on character and life. We are born with many undeveloped capacities, with many queer possibilities in character development, and with many rough edges to life and to all that life implies. These in turn must be properly developed, directed, and smoothed down before the best in us is ready to be shared with the world, and before we become receptive to the world's best. The problem of education, whether in the home, in the school, in the church or in the great classroom of association with mankind, is that of bringing out the best that is in us, and casting into the fires all the dross. Education has value when and only when it produces in us the four-fold development as expressed in Luke 2:52. What was the nature and character of that development? Is such a development possible for us?

A Good Education—Its Values in Particular

1. It provides us with a full appreciation of the meaning and purpose of life. I mean life as it is related to God, and as God should be related to life. When we derive understanding from God, drawing it with the bucket of prayer from the Fountain of all wisdom, we not only have understanding, but are truly happy in its possession. Many people are made miserable by much learning, and what's more they make other people miserable, too. But a good Christian—God-like understanding—fills the heart with gladness.

2. It provides the urge to a purposeful life. The uneducated mind aims at nothing or everything, and the result is a purposeless life. The Bible is full of types of both the purposeful and purposeless life. Wherein does the Bible account of the three men entrusted with certain talents set forth this two-fold truth? A good education is the pearl of great price—it is our merchandise (Proverbs 3:14) to be bought and treasured above everything else. Its possession is more to be desired than much silver and gold.

3. A good education increases for us the value of everybody and everything. Man is not just man, but God's most priceless gift and possession. Our characters and the characters of other men will command a high premium on account of it. Abuse of self and a quick

readiness to besmirch the lives of others will be far removed from our thoughts. And life all about us will unfold itself in majestic splendor because of it.

4. A good education will lengthen our days. Religion, and no one is educated without it, puts us into the best methods of prolonging life. Although our life may be no more than our neighbor's, each day is longer and happier and more purposeful, and we have the assurance of an everlasting life in a better world.

5. A good education holds out to us riches and honor. Verse 16. The actual wealth of the world may be in the hands of a few people, but the preferred wealth of infinite wisdom, by which we are made rich toward God, is secured to us. Birth and preferment are not to be compared to the respect that infinite wisdom bestows upon us.

6. Verse 11 tells us that the ways of wisdom and understanding are always of pleasantness, and that all her paths are peace. These pleasant ways are not the ways of pleasure seeking people, who desire to satisfy sense and sensuality, but the ways of gracious souls, in communing with God and in the doing of good.

Questions

1. Is a ten-talented person necessarily better educated than a two-talented person?

2. Is it a knowledge of many things, or the full use of a few things, that determine a good education?

3. Is it wrong to loaf on the job because our education has not assumed the same proportions as that of another person?

4. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Let your light so shine"?

June 15, 1930

WHAT IS SUCCESS IN LIFE?

Matthew 6:19-33

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday—Luke 12:27-34

Monday—James 5:1-6

Tuesday—I John 2:15-17

Wednesday—Philippians 3:7-9

Thursday—II Corinthians 9:6-15

Friday—I Timothy 6:6-14

Saturday—II Timothy 3:14-17

The Topic

There are so many, many standards by which the world proclaims and acclaims its citizens a success, that the task before me of confining a brief article to the subject, "What Is Success In Life", is simply impossible of performance. The world declares this and that person a success on the strength of great achievement in some field of endeavor, yet such persons may be moral and spiritual derelicts and failures in every other sense of the word. On the other hand, millions of truly great and successful men and women pass out of this life making not the least ripple on the waters of time, and yet such deserve the praise of the world far more than any of those who receive public attention. So what are we going to do about it? Here's what I'm going to do. I'm going to treat the topic solely on the basis of the scripture lesson, for after all is said and done, the spiritual and resultant moral, political and social powers of a person determine his or her success in life, not mere earthly accomplishments alone.

Success in Life, Then, Is:

1. Setting your mind on high and holy things. The warning of Jesus, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth", is a sensible warning. A treasure is some-

thing precious and valuable both in respect to its present and its future service to us. What one thing in the whole list of earthly possessions and endowments provide service for us both here and hereafter? Material things cannot serve us thus. Can friends and loved ones? Yes, but only when both they and we together set our minds on high things, and thus preserve a continuance in heaven of the friendship and love begun here.

Do not misunderstand Jesus when he warns us about where not to lay up our treasures. Jesus does not say have nothing at all to do with things of the earth. They occupy an important and rightful place in God's plan of divine economy. But Jesus does say that we must not count these things the best things, not the most valuable in themselves, not the most serviceable to us, but secondary to the excellency of the knowledge of God through Christ Jesus. We must not covet an undue abundance of them, nor confide in them, nor content ourselves with them.

We should set our minds on high things and consider ourselves what we are, what we are made for, how large our capacities are, and how long our continuance, and that our souls are ourselves—for by so doing we lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven.

What are some of our treasures in heaven? Christ is the most precious of them all. John 14:1-3; our prayers, John 9:31; our good deeds and gifts, Acts 10:1-4; and our departed loved ones, John 12:32. Can you mention any others?

2. In the second place, success in life is serving but one master. No one can be a loyal citizen of two countries. Nor can a person be a loyal citizen in the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of this world. The affairs and interests of each are pronouncely opposed to each other. "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon." Mammon is a Syriac word that signifies gain; so that whatever in this world is, or is accounted by us to be, gain, is Mammon. Philippians 3:7.

Whatever is in the world that robs God of our undivided allegiance is Mammon. The following are some of the things we may be tempted to worship. Discuss them. And if you feel that you are unduly stressing any one of them you had better turn away from them. Mammon may be:

1. Your appetite.—Philippians 3:19
2. Prolonged sleep.—Proverbs 6:9
3. Sports and pastimes.—How is such possible?
4. Worldly riches.—James 4:13
5. Honors and preferments
6. Praise and applause of men
7. Sensual pleasures.—I John 2:15
8. Clothes and appearance

Young friends, I enjoin upon you to stand fast in the faith wherewith you have been born. You stand betwixt the forces of Mammon on one side and the love and power of God on the other. Which will ye choose? God does not say we must not or we should not, but we cannot serve God and Mammon—we cannot love both.

God says: My son, give me thy heart.

Mammon says: No, give it me.

God says: Be content with such things as ye have.

Mammon says: Grasp at all that ever thou canst.

God says: Defraud not, neither lie, be honest and just in all thy dealings.

Mammon says: Cheat thine own father if thou canst gain by it.

God says: Be charitable.

Mammon says: Hold what thou hast.

God says: Be careful for nothing.

Mammon says: Be careful for everything.

God says: Keep holy the sabbath day.

Mammon says: Make use of that day as well as any other for the world.

Thus in bold opposites stand the commands of God and Mammon. "Ye cannot serve both." Halt not between God and Baal, but choose ye this day whom ye will serve and abide by your choice. Success will crown your choice of God, failure will disgrace your choice of Mammon.

3. Finally, success in life requires that we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Your duty as youth, who are in the morning of your opportunity, is to seek, to desire, to pursue and to aim at possessing the Kingdom of God. Your religion is a heavenly gift and to stop short in religious zeal and progress is to be satisfied with what you find here on earth. Heaven is the source and objective of the Christian religion. The object in seeking first the Kingdom of God is not entirely an end in itself, for in so seeking we are all the while acquiring peace and holiness of life for whatever purpose God may use us here on earth. As we advance in our quest for the Kingdom of God, so will we advance in our quest for a satisfied and useful life here on earth. Therein will come a two-fold success.

In closing, I would state that your life has been a success if you have made Jesus Christ real to some one else. If some one knows Jesus better because of your influence, then your life is most successful.

June 22, 1930

WHAT IS WRONG WITH BLUFFING AND KNOCKING?

Matthew 26:14-16, 47-59; 27:3-5

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday—Matthew 26:14-16, 47-49; 27:3-5

Monday—Psalm 94

Tuesday—Luke 18:18-23

Wednesday—Matthew 26:6-13

Thursday—John 20:19-29

Friday—Acts 5:1-11

Saturday—I Samuel 17:1-10

The Topic

Before discussing the evil connected with bluffing and knocking, let us learn the meaning of the words bluffing and knocking. To the average mind a bluffer is a boastful, a showy person. He's that, and more. He's puffed up, swell headed, surly, noisy, cowardly and insincere. Not all bluffers manifest all these bad qualities, but any person possessing any one of them is a bluffer. If I've been lenient about ascribing qualities to a bluffer, you have the liberty to make additions.

I want you to ascribe the fitting quality or qualities to the following "bluffers" mentioned in the Bible and seen in everyday life, namely: Goliath, Thomas, Judas, the Rich Young Ruler, Saul, Ananias and Sapphira, Herod, Pilate, the modern gun-toting bandit, the shiek, the flapper, the classroom cheat and the Christian who has more but who drops a nickel in the plate (especially for benevolence). Mention other well-known characters of the bluffer type.

About the best I can say of a knocker is that he's a self-opinionated fellow fit for exile on some lonely island alone by himself.

Now, what's wrong with bluffing and knocking?

With Bluffing

1. Take Judas, for instance. His bluffing took on the aspect of insincerity, cowardice and show. Judas enjoyed the same opportunities and blessings of fellowship with the Master as did the faithful eleven. But his heart was filled with insincerity. This bluffing trait manifested itself when he found fault with his Lord for allowing Mary waste (so Judas contended) so much money on expensive ointment with which to wash His feet, as well as in the betrayal of his Master. Judas was a coward when in the taking of Jesus he headed a mob of soldiers and cut-throats. His showy trait was evidenced when he had the affront to step up to his Lord and kiss Him. My, how Judas must have exulted in that. You ask me what there was wrong about all this bluffing? I ask you what was right about it? The wrong of it was in the shameful surrender of the Master to His enemies, and in the manner of Judas' death. The wrong of bluffing is that you gain nothing in the end, but rather lose all, as did Judas. He lost his Master, his own self-respect and finally his own life. What a price to pay for bluffing.

2. Take the case of a cheat in school. It is true that many boys and girls go on the false theory that the ends justify the means, and therefore think only of getting through school by hook or crook. It would be a good thing if graduates who bluffed their way through school had to wear a "bluffer's cap" on the rostrum on the day of their graduation. But what does a bluffer in school gain? He didn't learn to apply himself when in school, how will he apply himself when out in the world? Can he bluff his way through life? Not so easily and still maintain the respect of sensible and worthy folk. If you do get through school via the bluffing route, what have you that will be an asset in life?

3. Take the modern shiek and flapper—those animated "dress dolls" that parade our streets like a million dollars, and who go to work in clothes far too expensive and inappropriate for any person to wear on week-days, let alone for a poor person. They remind me of a drove of bluffers. Their one desire is to make an impression—to show off. I venture to say that the bulk of them have on their backs about all they possess. Furthermore, I venture the guess that many of them "sponge off their parents" and are veritable "sulkers" around the house. It's gotten so that you cannot tell the difference between a millionaire's deb and a poor working man's deb-t (a dollar down and the rest when you catch me kind). I hope to goodness the general run of us will acquire more sense with respect to dress and the deportment of self in public.

4. Consider the lip-stick and painted female bluffers we are forced to see daily. Talk about horrible faces on the Indian on the war-path! He'd drop his tomahawk and run in fright if he chanced to meet up with some of our female advertisers of Sherwin-Williams house paint. You boys and girls may laugh at such remarks, but I think it's a sin against God's master creativeness to disfigure one's face. If any of you young girls are addicted to the use of lip-stick and paint go out into the fields and consider the lilies. God made them, too, and they ask for no other shadings or colorings. Why should you? If you must have coloring on your faces put it there through physical exercise, sufficient sleep and a cheerful disposition.

5. As boys and girls it won't hurt you to know that there's a great deal of bluffing being done by Christian people in relationship to their Church. Is there anything wrong about a church member bluffing his Lord with a small part of his earnings? Is there anything wrong about a Christian going to church in expensive clothes and dropping a pittance into the offering plate? Is there anything wrong when a congregation bluffs with a fine church building and doesn't pay its benevolence? Is there anything wrong about your bluffing the Lord with a nickel or a dime each week as compared to the dollar or more you may spend on movies and sweets?

Examine Yourself on These Pet "Bluffs"

1. To mother when she asks you to help her around the house, "I got some home work to do".
2. To your pastor or Sunday School teacher when you failed to prepare some assignment, "I didn't have the time".
3. To a friend who asks you to go somewhere after someone you like better has asked you before, "I'm sorry" (when you don't mean it).
4. To yourself after telling a falsehood to someone, "Oh, well".

Mention other pet bluffs.

About Knocking

All I have to say about knocking and the evil thereof is that we all possess so many faults that it behooves all of us to "keep our mouths shut".

June 29, 1930

THE GREAT MISSIONARY LEADERS OF OUR CHURCH

Hebrews 11:32-40

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday—Hebrews 11:32-40
Monday—Matthew 28:16-20
Tuesday—Acts 10:1-16
Wednesday—Acts 10:17-33
Thursday—Acts 10:34-48
Friday—Acts 13:1-5, 44-49
Saturday—Matthew 24:27-39

To Leader: To my mind there are three classes of great missionary leaders. The first class is made up of those faithful men and women who go as missionaries of the cross to the four corners of the globe; the second class consists of those too few zealous pastors and laymen at the home base, who are responsible for keeping the fires of missionary ardor aglow and who are instruments in the hand of God in calling out the bulk of young men and women for missionary service; while the third class is represented in the Women's Missionary Society, the Luther League of America and other agencies within the Church, whose chief concern is to provide the literature and methods for effective missionary promotion, the money in large amounts to carry on the work abroad, and the leadership for service wherever needed in the vast program of missionarying for Christ.

Now instead of me attempting a meager review of a few of the great missionary leaders of our Church I am going to outline a service that will result in greater good to you, provided you prepare for it and follow my suggestions.

The Service

1. Sing a missionary hymn
2. Have the scripture lesson of the topic read
3. Prayer
4. Read responsively Psalm 53
5. Introduce the topic by reference to the brief statement given above.
6. Have your pastor present in a fifteen minute talk the pioneer missionary labors of the following great missionary leaders of our Church:
 - a. Rev. John Campanius, first Lutheran missionary to the Indians.
 - b. Justinian von Welz, a wealthy German nobleman, who after a fruitless effort to arouse his fellow

Christians in the missionary enterprise, sold his possessions, surrendered his title, and went as a missionary to Dutch Guiana in South America, only to die in a few months.

c. Bartholomew Ziegenbalg, missionary to Tranquebar, India.

d. Christian Frederick Schwartz, missionary statesman to India.

e. Hans Egede, the Norwegian missionary to Greenland.

f. Father John Heyer, the American Lutheran Church's first missionary, and founder of the Guntur Mission.

g. David A. Day, for twenty-three and a half years a missionary to Africa.

h. Anna M. Kugler, medical missionary in India.

7. Call for sentence prayers for the cause of missions.

8. Have a member of the Women's Missionary Society given a ten minute talk on the work of her Society.

9. A hymn.

10. Have a member of the Senior Luther League give a seven minute talk on the part the Luther League of America is playing in missionary work.

11. Offering.

12. Hymn.

Benediction.

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Topics For Juniors

June 1, 1930

HERALDS OF TODAY

Reference: Chapter VI, "Going to Jerusalem", by Margaret Applegarth.

Preparation: Plans will vary according as this session is a regular one or a special occasion to which guests are invited. The emphasis should be upon the work of our own missionaries. Interest as many as possible of the Juniors in gathering information about the work of our Church in foreign fields. Plan to identify each of these fields on the world map by a special mark or sticker.

Program

(Prepared by Jane Gilbert)

Heralds of Today

Worship:

Music: Opening hymn played softly

Call to Worship: Selected from those formerly used

Hymn: In Christ There Is No East and West

Bible Reading: The Great Commission—Matthew 28:16-20

Offering

Prayer: Sentence Prayers by Juniors

Leader: As we remember Jesus' words to the first Heralds of His-Story, we think of missionaries throughout all the centuries since Jesus went away from the earth. (At this point "Sailing on Famous Missionary Ships" may be presented.) Aren't you glad that we in our Church, together with millions of people all over the world, are helping to tell His-Story? We want to look for a moment at a wonderful sight, when some of these Christians from all over the world came back to the place where Jesus gave His great commission. (Pages 108, 109, Going to Jerusalem.)

We are going to hear now about our own missionaries and we shall try to follow them on the map.

Report of survey made by Juniors of foreign fields of our Church. (Use map and mark fields.)

Leader: As we come to the close of our story perhaps we shall feel that we are beginning a new story, for now we wish to try harder than ever to be ourselves Heralds of Today. How can we do this? (Draw out through questions a discussion of our share in the foreign mission work of our Church.) Now let us sing the hymn we have learned as we listened to these stories.

Hymn: The King's Highway

Closing Prayer: By Leader

Activities: If the foregoing program is preliminary to a special Guest Day, this period will be needed for the completing of projects. Invitation cards for Guest Day may be prepared. If this program is used for Guest Day, no activity period will be included.

(Prepared under the direction of the Light Brigade Department, Women's Missionary Society)

June 8, 1930



(Catechism)

Acts 2:1-8

(By Rev. E. A. Chamberlin)

(Note: Use the blackboard sketch while studying these topics on the Catechism. Have one of the Juniors draw it on the board.)

Topic

Many nations trace their literary language back to the time that the Catechism was first published in the dialect of their nation.

The Catechism has been translated into more languages than any other book except the Bible. It was first intended for the inhabitants of a small state, but it has reached the nations of the world.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Cranmer, brought it to England from Germany, and his translation became the official catechism of the Episcopal Church.

It has been translated into Latin, Dutch, Roumanian, Russian, Polish, Lithuanian, Austrian, Chinese, Hindu, Malayan, and a host of other languages.

Such little countries as Courland, Livonia and Esthonia, even had their translations.

Four different translations were produced in Denmark from 1532 to 1538. Norway, Iceland and Sweden have copies in their own language.

In Spain it was placed upon the list of prohibited books by the leaders of the Catholic Church.

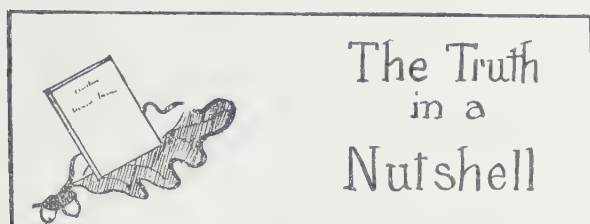
At Nagercoil, India, a copy was printed in the Tamil language in 1925.

The blind have a copy in raised letters, called the Braille System, which they can read with their fingers.

The Catechism was the first book translated into the language of the American Indian, it being published by the Swedish leaders for the Delawares near Philadelphia. Augustana College has a copy with both Swedish and Indian languages in it.

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June 15, 1930

**(Catechism)**

John 3:16

(By Rev. E. A. Chamberlin)

(Note: Use the blackboard sketch while studying these topics on the Catechism. Have one of the Juniors draw it on the board.)
(Title of topic by courtesy of the National Lutheran Council.)

Topic

It is strange indeed how much is to be found in such a small book. Everything that it is necessary to know about the Christian life is to be found there.

The Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the Confession, are all described with many teachings from the Bible made plain.

The first editions had no pictures, but Luther soon found that it would be much better to have a number of illustrations. These were taken very largely from the Bible and taught many lessons even to those who could not read.

For example, when he wished to illustrate the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill", a picture was shown of Cain killing his brother Abel.

Outside of the Bible there is no other book that has so much of value in so few pages.

June 22, 1930

"NOW THE DAY IS OVER"
(Hymn Meeting)

Psalm 4:8

(By Miss Edith Menkel)

Have you ever watched the sky getting darker and darker when the sun goes down? Suppose there was no light of any kind, after the sun goes. How awfully dark it would be! It really is that dark but God has helped man to discover how to make light for use at night. Even with all the helps of man-made light we cannot feel real safe at night. We do not know just what goes on while we are asleep. We do not know just how much harm there is about us, so we must trust in God and the Lord Jesus Christ to guard us.

The hymn we are using today is a prayer of our hearts for the care of God's Spirit through the night.

Will ——— read the first four lines? What do we see? Do you see the shadows quietly stealing across the sky?

The next four lines say:

Now the darkness gathers,
Stars their watches keep,
Birds and beasts and flowers
Soon will be asleep.

Next we pray to Jesus. What is the first thing we pray for? (Jesus, give the weary calm and sweet repose.) He gives us rest. After a day of being busy at work and play, we are tired and need a good rest. If we know someone cares and watches over us so that no

harm can happen, we can truly rest well, so we ask Jesus to bless us and we know that all is well.

Then we pray for all little children, that they may have bright and happy dreams. From this sweet prayer we pray for the sailors. These great big seamen are so very strong, but they cannot overcome the sea, and so quite often they are in great danger. Why do you suppose we ought to keep praying for the sailors? If it were not for the sailors we would not have many of the things which we are using now. They are busy bringing all kinds of food and clothing over to us from far-off lands, so that we can have all the good things possible.

The next four lines do not appear in all hymnals so we will just put them in here, because Mrs. Gould wrote them when she wrote the rest of the verses. They tell us to pray for two different kinds of people. Listen as it is read. ———, please read these lines for us:

Comfort every sufferer,
Watching late in pain;
Those who plan some evil
From their sins restrain.

In these lines, then, we pray for those who suffer. Have you ever been very, very sick? How long the night seemed to be! Now that you feel fine and well again, you can help some other sick person and remember them in your prayers.

We also pray for whom else in these lines? We really ought to pray for the real bad folks. Pray for those boys and girls, men and women who are planning some awful crimes and sins. Pray that they may be stopped from this by the power of God's Spirit. Pray that they might love to do right, more than doing evil.

We will stop here for a few minutes and any little boy or girl who wants to, may offer a short sentence prayer for the sick or bad, for the seamen and for other little children.

Let us read together the last eight lines:

When the morning wakens
Then may I arise,
Pure and fresh and sinless
In Thy holy eyes.

Glory to the Father,
Glory to the Son,
And to Thee, blest Spirit,
Whilst all ages run.

So last of all we pray for ourselves, that through the long, long night God's angels may be over us and keep near us, so that in the morning we may get up feeling fit for anything. We'll want to do all that is good and worth while. After we have done this, then our hearts and our lips will just break out with a big, full song of praise to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, who will hear our prayers and will answer.

Let us read the hymn over again. (Have a Junior read a verse, and then another, and another.) Now, let us all sing it prayerfully and truly.

June 29, 1930

GOD'S GIFT: THE OUT-OF-DOORS

Psalm 19:1-6

(By Mrs. Esther Martin Sorg)

Hymn: (One familiar to all)

Sentence Prayers, followed by general prayer

Twenty-third Psalm in concert

Gloria Patri

Review of Commandments and Beatitudes Hymn

Once upon a time, not so very long ago, a little girl became very ill and the doctor gave up hope of curing her, because she did not seem interested in anything, not even in getting well. Her father and mother did anything they could think of and they had the best physician they could get. Finally after treatment in her home failed to help her, the doctor asked that she be taken to the hospital. Her parents were willing to do anything, so of course, they consented to his plan. The family lived in a city and it was rather noisy around the home. A city ordinance made it possible to keep heavy traffic away from the hospital and the doctor thought that the rest and quiet would help the child. However, after three weeks, the little girl still lay quiet—too weak and sick to talk—no better—and not interested in anything yet. In fact, she scarcely opened her eyes at all.

Her parents had just about decided that God wanted their little girl and that there was nothing that could help her and so they waited day by day for God to take her.

The strain became too great and the father suggested to the mother that they take a street car and go far into the country the first nice afternoon, so that they could walk once more through the fields. (You see, the family had originally come from the country and he thought that the lovely sunshine and nice clean air would refresh them and perhaps give them courage to bear their trouble.) The mother said no, she could not leave her little daughter even that long, but begged the father to go, and finally he went. He took the first car to the edge of the city and by and by he was walking through the woods. He tramped on and on, not noticing where he went nor anything about him—only breathing in the fragrant air—it was the month of May—and noting the beautiful sunshine. He came to a little brook on the banks of which were many wild flowers, but he did not notice them. He leaped over the stream and both feet came down upon the most perfect, long-stemmed violets that grew for miles around, crushing them close to the earth! The man disappeared from view and seemed to turn back on to a road nearby as if to return home. And what became of the violets?

A robin flew from a nearby tree to the flowery field, because nice fat worms lived in the ground and his family was hungry. He hopped along the ground for a while, then cocked his head—closing one eye, to listen better, we suppose, but he heard no worm crawling out and so on he hopped a little farther. He heard something—what was it? Worms didn't sound like that. He listened again—it sounded like a very weak moan. He listened again. Yes, it came from something near—no, under that large wild cherry tree. He hopped a little farther and there he found the lovely violets moaning: "Water! Water! Water!" They were too weak to say anything more and seemed to be getting weaker. He knew he would have to do something and he got so excited he kept hopping around in circles. A large oak tree on the edge of the field saw the strange conduct of the bird (he was very tall and could look over the heads of all the other trees), and he rustled his leaves very hard hoping to attract the bird. The robin did not hear him. A little breeze was playing nearby and he heard the tree, asked what was wrong and when the tree told him, he said he would help, too, and so he blew real hard and shook the tree so hard that the robin heard it and flew to the oak to find out what was wrong, and then, too, his family lived in that tree, and he was a little worried for fear his birdies would fall from the nest.

The tree spoke: "I know what is wrong, Mr. Robin. The little flowers need water, and I will help you get it. I will drop one of my best curled leaves (the points turn upward when the leaves grow old), and you can pick it up in your bill by the corners. I am sure the brook will give you water." And he dropped the leaf. The robin hurriedly took the leaf and went to the brook. He could say nothing without dropping the leaf, but the brook understood because it could see the poor violets and quickly filled the oak leaf. The robin made several trips to the brook and sprinkled water on the flowers until they began to lift their heads. They feebly thanked him and when he was reasonably sure that he had done all he could, he went back to the worms. The sunshine peeked through the leaves of the bushes that sheltered the violets and warmed them, giving them renewed strength. In a few hours they were again standing up as beautifully as they had been before the accident, because the stems had not been broken, you see.

The next day was Sunday and a group of children from a city Sunday School came to the field to gather flowers because the little sick girl belonged to their class and their teacher had suggested that wild flowers might interest her just a little because she had lived in the country and had been used to seeing them until just a year or more ago. The children carefully picked flowers and arranged them in bouquets. And what do you think? Yes, the children gathered the violets that the child's father had crushed the day before! The children did not stay long because they wanted to get back to the hospital before the afternoon ended, while the flowers were fresh.

When the nurse brought the flowers in to the child, she would not even open her eyes to look at them, because she had many cut flowers, but the nurse kept coaxing. Pretty soon a little breeze came in the window and wafted the perfume of the violets toward the child. She opened her eyes as though she had been dreaming. She kept sniffing and sniffing and a bright look came into her eyes. Finally, with a great deal of effort she whispered the word, "Violets!" and smiled at her mother. She fell into a deep restful sleep, the first good rest she had had without medicine since she had been sick. The violets were kept by her bedside until they were quite dead, and by that time the little girl was well on the road to recovery. She had been homesick for the country and not even the doctor knew it! So you see how all things work together for good under God's guidance. Even sick children of the city love wild flowers, and perhaps some that you may gather will help some of the children in the city hospitals.

Discussion of trees, flowers and birds as suggested by this story.

Hymn, followed by Lord's Prayer.

Gather flowers and take them to the sick in the congregation or hospital. (Wild flowers wilt quickly but revive equally fast when put into fresh water.)

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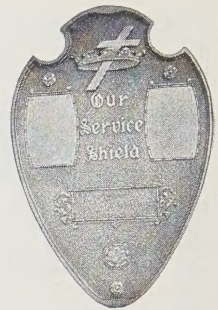
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